

# THE HICKMAN COURIER.

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## MIND UNBALANCED ON SUBJECT OF RELIGION.

Boyd Adams, a respected and industrious citizen of West Hickman, was adjudged of unsound mind last Thursday and taken to Hopkinsville to the home for feeble minded Friday.

The unfortunate man is about 75 years old and was employed by the Mengel Box Co. His delusions were in connection with the subject of religion. According to reports, he fancied the Lord told him to do all sorts of queer and dangerous things. He threatened one day to jump in a large vat of scalding water at the factory, which would have caused instant death, saying the Lord had told him he could do so without injuring himself. Another delusion was that the Lord told him to see that he and his family all went to heaven together—which led the authorities to fear that he might attempt a wholesale murder. These and many other things showed conclusively that his mind was unbalanced.

He recently became a convert to the Apostolic faith generic known as "Holy Rollers," which denomination has been holding a big meeting in the west end for some three weeks.

Remember that there are a number of people in Hickman who will not be free from grief, suffering and want during the Christmas season. A word of sympathy, a friendly hand shake and a liberal donation where needed will be in keeping with the spirit of the initial day of the Week and Lowly Nazarene.

Dee Pleasant and family have returned to Hickman after spending a year in St. Louis. Dee has been "street caring" but will return to the farm, accepting a position with the Johnson Land Co.

## NEW CURRENCY BILLS REACH HICKMAN.

Some of the new Federal Reserve currency has actually drifted into Hickman—but not in our hands—the principal denominations being \$5, \$10 and \$20. The Five shows upon one side the landing of the Pilgrims and the Discovery of America by Columbus, and upon the other is a likeness of Lincoln. Upon the Ten is a likeness of Andrew Jackson and on the other side a harvesting and a manufacturing scene. The Twenty bears the face of Cleveland and the different modes of travel—the locomotive, the steamship, the aeroplane and the automobile.

## NEW COAL FIRM.

Hickman has a new coal firm—Spradlin & Choate, composed of Malton Spradlin and Delbert Choate. They already have their yards established and are doing business having secured the agency for the Battle Creek Coal Company's product. This is one of the highest grades of coal that comes to Hickman and the young men should enjoy a nice business.

Again the lights shine in the Court House clock tower, illuminating the four big dials. Sensible conclusion. We've heard of folks practicing economy to the extent of stopping the clock at night and the big city clock had just as well been stopped as to have been invisible.

It seems that Judge Elvius J. Stahr is determined, so far as is in his power, to break up "pistol totting." In this, he has the endorsement of every good citizen of the county.

Lee Hay and family have moved to Rivers, Tenn., where he has rented a farm. They have resided in this section for the past four years.

## Hanging the Mistletoe



"Giving away money;" see the details on pages 4 and 5.

Don't miss it.

**SMITH & AMBERG**

## TRUCK ASSOCIATION TO ORGANIZE SATURDAY.

The gentlemen who have signed up for truck growing in the vicinity of Hickman, will meet here next Saturday for the purpose of organizing an association, which will probably be called the Hickman Truck Growers' Association. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, adopt by-laws, and make plans for the coming year. This meeting will be held at the office of A. E. Kennedy, in the new Dodds building, beginning at 2 o'clock. Every farmer interested in this movement, whether pledged to raise truck or not, is invited and should attend.

## FIVE INCH SNOW FELL SATURDAY NIGHT.

Five inches of "the beautiful" snow fell Saturday night, and folks rising Sunday were surprised by the greeting of real winter scenery. Everything was festooned with the beauty of an artist's dream; trees, fences, and outdoor objects were piled high with snow, and "telephone wires looked like huge white ropes." Dad got down to real business of feeding \$5 a ton coal into the yawning mouth of a "good-for-nothing" stove, while his youthful son and heir, filled with exultant glee, spent the day coasting and snowballing.

Both telephone companies, as well as the light and power company, had many wires down, and communication and lighting service were both temporarily impaired.

Sunday night was the coldest spell this year, resulting in many of our citizens taking "another degree" in plumbing Monday. The mercury hovered only a few degrees above zero.

## M. E. CHURCH NOTICE.

9:45 a. m. Sunday School. Come and be with us.  
11 a. m. preaching.  
1—Voluntary.  
11—Anthem.  
III—Prayer.  
IV—Anthem.  
V—Morning offering.  
VI—Solo—Mrs A. E. Kennedy.  
VII—Scripture lesson.  
VIII—Singing from the common Hymnal.  
IX—Sermon—Christians.

This is a special Christmas service and you are invited to be with us. Come and let us make glad the occasion for some of us won't be here next Christmas. Some of us may spend our next Christmas in heaven.

7 p. m. installation of officers after which there will be an address to the League. An interesting occasion and everybody invitation.

C. E. Rice, cashier of the City National Bank, of Fulton, was in this city on business, Monday.

R. V. Putman, the new proprietor of the Hickman Laundry, and family will move into the cottage just south of J. W. Rogers, in the Rogers Addition, this week.

The Courier will not be issued next week, as our force will be given the usual week's holiday. Our next issue comes out on Dec. 31st.

This week we run a double installment of the "Trey of Hearts." This is done for the reason we print no paper next week and want to keep the story up with the movies. The next installment will appear in these columns on Dec. 31st.

To those who owe us:

Due to the necessary reorganization of our business we request a settlement of all notes and accounts by January 1st, 1915.

Smith & Amberg

Hickman, Ky.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
WITHOUT A  
BOX OF  
Augler's CANDIES  
Would be impossible.

COWGILL'S DRUG STORE  
Incorporated

## LONGEVITY INCREASES

The average length of life in the United States is 15 years longer now than it was 35 years ago, according to a statement made by Dr. Victor C. Vaughan of the University of Michigan, president of the American Medical Association in an address Saturday.

Crime he characterized as a disease due to hereditary and environment and the way to eradicate crime was to treat it as a disease and to disinfect its breeding places.

Dr. Vaughan said the death rate from tuberculosis had decreased 54 per cent since 1880.

## BOY'S ESSAY ON TEETH.

A small boy handed his teacher the following essay on teeth:  
"Teeth is grown in the months of most animals' kept hens. The hen doesn't chaw whut she eats, she just swallows it and then says too her gizzard: go to it and see what you kin make out of that. My ant funny she has store teeth which keeps a droppin' down. I ast her one day why she didn't throw them awn and get her a gizzard like a hen. Sometimes teeth akes awful. I don't kno which is worst a tooth ake or a stomach ake. I've had both. There is this difference when yure tooth akes you kin git it pulled if you hev the nerve. I hed a tooth pulled once by a doctor he told me it wouldn't hurt. I believe all the doctors is liars, there was another doctor give me some medicine once and said it would taste good, he's a liar too. teeth is a regular nuisance any way you take them. my maw makes me brush my teeth every day which there aint no sense inso far as i kin see. if i hed my way there wouldn't be no more teeth we would all ed like a hen."

A year's subscription to the Ladies Home Journal, the Saturday Evening Post or the Country Gentleman would make an ideal gift. Why not one of these? Or, we can supply you with any other magazine published at clubbing rates, guaranteed lowest prices. Drop in and let us figure with you—Helm & Ellison.

We have in mind one firm in Hickman that carries a very appropriate line of goods for Christmas giving—but that firm has "kept its light hidden under a bushel," from an advertising standpoint. They will have the same line—next Christmas.

For some reason there seems to be a vast improvement in the quality of city water. It is certainly a welcome change, and, as for us, we will accept it as a "valuable and appropriate Christmas gift" from the Public Service Co.

## A Mid-Winter Scene In Joy Floral Co. Greenhouse



## Choice Cut Flowers

FOR CHRISTMAS

Delivered Early Christmas Morning

PLACE ORDERS EARLY

## Potted Plants

On Display at Hickman Drug Co.

Phone MRS. OMA SHAW or TYLER BEALE

## THE HICKMAN COURIER

"Covers Western Kentucky Like a Dew"  
SPEER & SEXTON, PUBLISHERS

Subscription rates \$1.00 per year.

(When the attention of The Hickman Courier is called to any mis-statement of facts, or to any error concerning any man or thing, correction will cheerfully be made.)

Merry Christmas!

Jacob L. Cox died at his home about six miles west of Woodland Mills on Friday night, Dec. 4, after an illness from aches of the stomach and bowels. Mr. Cox was born Feb. 18, 1840, aged nearly 75 years.

The Business League of Hickman, had planned and set aside \$175.00 to be distributed as road prizes, had up this subject at its last meeting and are seriously considering the withdrawal of the proposition. It is argued that owing to recent developments in the road work—or rather lack of developments—has gotten the matter in such a shape that this money could not intelligently be distributed, as now we have no highway engineer, etc. Final action was not taken, but the matter will be threshed out at the next regular meeting.

As this is our last issue before Christmas, the Courier wishes to extend to its many readers holiday greetings and sincere good wishes. To you we owe the credit for whatever success we may have attained during the present year. There have been the usual number of ups and downs; many have encouraged and helped us in our feeble effort; a few have steadily tried to knock our props from under us. But we are still here. We have no brickbats to throw at anyone. Our liver is O. K., we have gotten our share of business and have no enemies that we wish to punish. If you are looking for mean, nasty thrusts at our fellow man—don't take the Courier. We have none of the pole cat's propensities for making the air

foul and obnoxious for decent people. During the good year of 1914, nothing would please us more than to see a united effort for Hickman and Fulton county. Possibilities are unlimited—and the town will be just what you make it. Whatever the mistakes of the past year, let's resolve to forget them and make 1915 bigger, brighter, better, happier. In conclusion, here's the Courier's wish, in all sincerity, for a merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every reader of the old home paper.

Don't wait till the 24th. Do it now.

K. L. Varney has been employed as farm demonstrator of Trigg county for 1915.

Former Lieut. Governor Mittenell C. Alford, died at Lexington, Thursday, aged 59 years.

"They say" has destroyed the good name of more men and women than any other factor yet known. It has been well said that "they is you, and you's a liner."

Two German aviators crossed from Ostend to Dover a few days ago and dropped five bombs into the city of Dover which is 60 miles from London. The damage was trivial.

The postoffice at Benton, Ky., was almost totally wrecked Thursday morning about 1 o'clock by yeggmen who blew up the post-office safe and succeeded in escaping with money and stamps valued at \$750.

Joseph Smith, president of the Re-organized Church of Latter Day Saints, died at his home at Independence, Mo., Thursday. At his bedside was his son, Frederick M. Smith, who will succeed him as president of the church, and other members of his family. He had been feeble for some time and his death had been long expected.

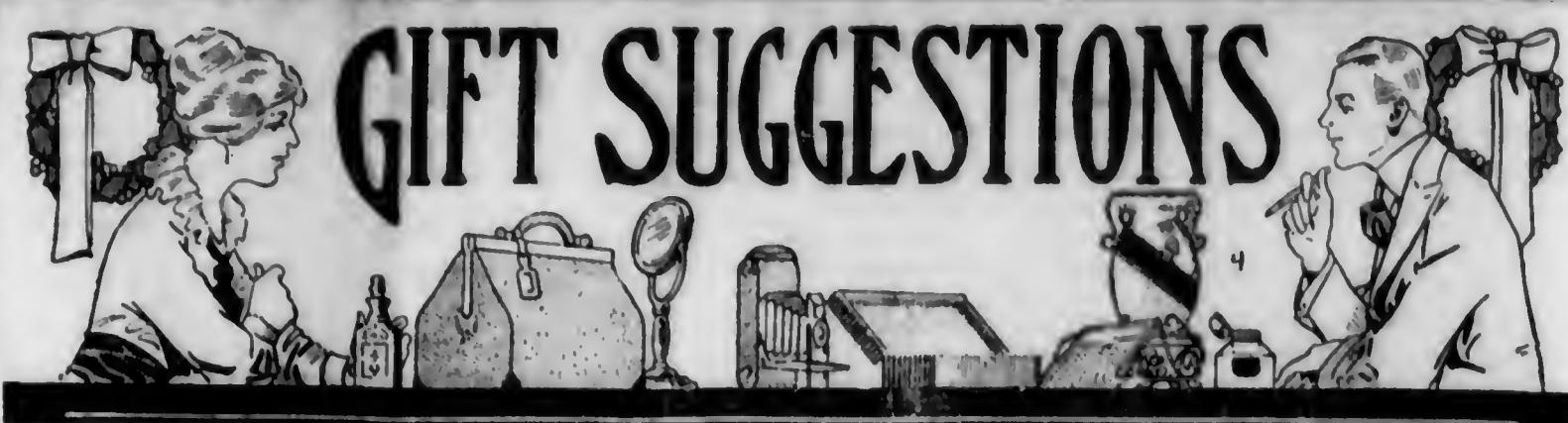
Thomas S. Byars, of Shelby county, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, was indicted last week at Frankfort by a special grand jury of the Franklin Circuit Court on ten accounts, six of them charging appropriation of the state's money to his own use and four of them forgery of applications for automobile licenses. The charges grew out of a report made by State Inspector and Examiner Sherman Goodpaster September 2 that somebody had forged 133 automobile license application between September 1913 and June 15, 1914, and misappropriated \$665.

Pages 4 and 5 carry an important message for you; be sure you get it.

SMITH &amp; AMBERG

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly

The Old Standard general strengthening tonic GROVE'S TASTLESS CHILI TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 5c



## WHAT SHALL I GIVE?

The same old question--always hard to solve.

BRADLEY can help you to select the RIGHT thing for HER or for HIM. We offer for your choosing a partial list of the many appropriate--at the same time USEFUL--gifts to be found at this store. See our line before you buy.

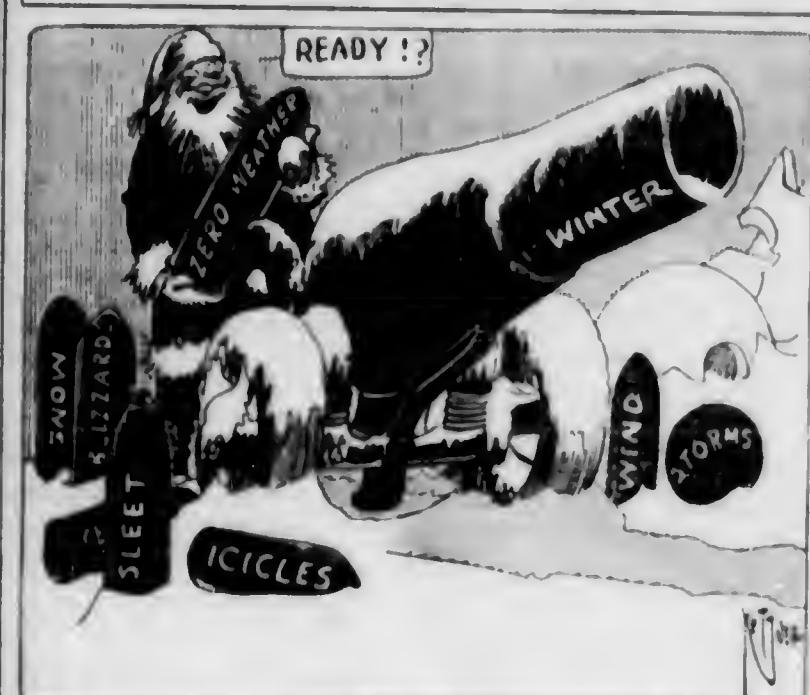


Men's and Boy's Hats and Caps	\$2 to \$5
Shirts, for all occasions	\$1 to \$3
Neckwear, a swell line	25c to 50c
Neckwear in individual Xmas boxes	50c to \$1
Silk Hosiery	25c to \$1
Lisle Hosiery	25c
Men's and Boy's Gloves	25c to \$2
Underwear for Men and Boys	50c to \$2
Sweater Coats	50c to \$5
Men's and Ladies' Fancy Umbrellas	\$1 to \$8
Initial Handkerchiefs	10c to 25c
Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs	25c to \$1
Ladies House Slippers	\$1.50
Men's House Slippers	\$1.50 to \$2
English Slip-on Raincoats	\$5 to \$15
Suit Cases, all sizes	\$1 to \$16.50
Handbags, the good kind	\$5 to \$15
Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons	25c to \$2
Mufflers	25c to \$1
Ladies' Red Cross Shoes	\$3.50 to \$4
Men's Packard Shoes	\$3.50 to \$5
Men's Trousers	\$2 to \$6
Overshoes	50c up



## R. L. BRADLEY

## TIME TO DIG YOURSELF IN



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## SOME FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Here are some Fulton county school statistics that should be of general interest.

Fulton county has four educational divisions and 25 subdistricts. There are 31 white schools and 10 colored, employing 39 white teachers and 15 colored.

The last census gave 3,120 white school children and 1,013 colored, making a total of 4,133.

There are two first class high schools, one at Hickman and one at Fulton.

In the county are four high schools and five listed as graded common schools, as follows: Hickman College, Prof. B. F. Gabley, principal; Riverview School (col.), Prof. G. T. Halliburton, principal, at Hickman; Crutfield school, Prof. Bedford, principal, Crutfield; Fulton High School, Prof. J. C.

Clegg, principal, Fulton, (col.), Prof. J. L. Northington, principal. 19 teachers are employed in Hickman, 17 in Fulton and 3 in Crutfield.

The subdistrict trustees of Fulton county are as follows:

R. R. Shaw, Hickman.

Henry Mangold, Sr., Hickman.

Lee Page, Hickman.

W. L. Anderson, Hickman.

J. D. Morrow, Hickman.

H. L. King, Hickman.

John Wells, Hickman.

N. T. Johnson, Hickman.

J. H. Royer, Hickman.

J. F. Adams, Tippecanoe, Tenn.

Lee Hay, Hickman.

J. H. Kingston, Hickman.

C. A. Barber, Crutfield.

Morgan Davidson, Fulton.

G. W. Hardy, Fulton.

C. J. Bowers, Fulton.

T. E. Williamson, Fulton.

J. W. Brown, Fulton.

E. A. Mayfield, Cayer.

C. G. Alexander, Hickman.

## SPECIAL

Xmas  
Dinner  
50c  
Cottage HotelMurphy Roper, Hickman  
Geo. M. Roper, Hickman  
J. P. Thomas, Hickman  
T. C. Kelley, Hickman  
S. N. Sweeney, Hickman

## MOTHER GETS CHILD.

A special from Dresden, Tenn. Friday says:

"Mrs. Mary Coleman was today awarded the custody of her 10 year old child, after several years of struggle and after the child had been kept away from its mother by the father following a separation and the kidnaping of the child by Coleman on the streets of Fulton, Ky."

"Judge J. E. Jones awarded the child to the mother after futile efforts were made by the other parent to prove that Mrs. Coleman was an unfit person to have the child in her custody."

"Mr. Coleman was the man who was sent to jail in Hickman by Judge Stahr because he refused to tell the court the whereabouts of the little daughter. He is the man who said he would stay there until his ribs rusted before giving this information. He stayed a week."

Piles Cured In 6 to 14 Days  
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO  
OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching,  
Blisters, Bleeding or Prolonged Piles. (14 days).  
The first application gives Ease and Rest. 50c.

## For Christmas

Nothing can complete the day and bring you in closer harmony with the spirit of Christmas than having a new Leibovitz Suit or Overcoat. You are going to buy a new Suit or Overcoat for Christmas, so why not come now while you can find just what you want, and at the price you wish to pay.

## Select Your Christmas Wants Now!

## Headquarters For:

Arrow Brand Shirts and Collars, Wilson Bros. Underwear, Worth and Stetson Hats, Regal Neckwear, Mackinaw Coats, Coat Sweaters, Sweater Vests, and Everything for the Man Who Cares.

Arrow Brand  
Shirts

\$15.00 Suits

Leibovitz

The "Live Store" where quality reigns higher than price.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

In the first examination of the Hickman schools the following pupils possess those long trains of thought that  
"pluck bright honor from the pale faced moon,  
Or dive into the bottom of the deep.  
And pluck up drowned honor  
By the locks."

## Seniors

Lucille Gandy	96.2
Audra Townsend	96.2
Lexie Rice	96.2
May Ledwidge	95.8

## Juniors

Milton Hackett	94.7
Clancy Johnson	93.2
Wendell Kennedy	90.2
Tom Bruner	87.5
Rachel Kimbrell	84
Pauline Shaw	81.2

## Tenth Grade

Mary Vance	96
Esther Bartlett	95
Verna Harris	94.7
Harry Walker	94.5
Camille Barrett	94.7
Vera Mayes	94.5
Robbie Stephens	94.5

## Ninth Grade

Annie Russell Moore	95
Lucille Hendrix	96.4
Annie Carr Lagon	96
Sophia Lunsford	94.2
Velma Swift	94.8
Karen Patterson	93.2

## Seventh Grade

Richard Prather	94.6
Virginia Seay	91
Tom Housley	84.4
Madeline Johnson	82.2
Sara Isbell	83.4
Annie Helm Ellisen	83.4

## Sixth Grade

Hallie Swift	97.1
Mabel Choate	97.1
Madie Moran	96.2
Lily Dillon	94.5
Pauline Sudberry	95.1
Willie H. Johnson	94.8
Eliz. Diven	93.7

## Fifth Grade

Mrtle Underwood	99.1
Esther Taylor	95.1
Allen Gifford	94.8
Evelyn Irvine	94.4
Pearl Kemp	93.4
Clara Blimco	92.7

## Fourth Grade

Ralph Baltzer	98.1
Dorothy Moore	98.1
Mary Stone	98.1
Lacy Shelly	98
Hugh Logan Peather	97.8
Neville Romeo	97

## Third Grade

Henry Roney	96.6
Paul Clark	96.1
Helen Walker	96.1
Don Henry	96
Mary Hulcombe	96.1
Earl Hettensworth	98.1
Mary Oliver	98.1

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning prayer and sermon 11 a.m.

Evening prayer and sermon 7 p.m.  
Morning subject—The World Made Flesh

Evening subject—Grades among the Bishops and the Ends for Which the Church Exists.

The rector will leave the early part of next week for Louisville where he is to be advanced to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Woodcock, some time during the holiday season, and this account there will be no services at St. Paul's on Christmas Day.

Rev. W. F. Remmington, Rector

## W. D. CANTILLON DEAD

William David Cantillon, who retired last May as general manager of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, died at Chico, Sunday. He entered the service of the railroad as a freight brakeman in 1875.

Deceased is a brother of Joe Cantillon, of this city, and is well known to a number of our citizens. On several occasions he has been in Hickman on his annual hunting trips.

See Culin-Shaw & Co. notice.



## Our Big Holiday Stock Is Now On Display

## Our Special Effort

this season in the direction of Original Novelties and New Features has met with most gratifying success, and we shall deem it a privilege to show you a very extensive assortment of Holiday Goods that are as New as they are Pleasing and Appropriate. We invite your attention to the latest and best. Throughout our stock are many choice and desirable gifts, from the finest to the most inexpensive, yet all grades the best of their kind. Remember that we represent all things as they are and regulate the price by the true value of the article. Below we enumerate a few of the numerous articles we have in stock:

PICTURE FRAMES  
MANDOLINS  
VIOLINS  
HAND PAINTED CHINA  
CARD CASES  
TOILET SETS  
POST CARD ALBUMS  
FANCY STATIONERY  
SEWING SETS  
BRIC-A-BRAC  
DRUMS  
TOY FURNITURE  
TEA SETS  
BASEBALLS  
GAMES, ALL KINDS  
BILL BOOKS  
SCRAP BOOKS  
WATER SETS  
KODAK ALBUMS  
IRON TOYS  
BRIAR PIPES  
PEANUTS

HAND PAINTED BOWLS  
STANDARD NOVELS  
MEDALLIONS  
SHAVING SETS  
TOY BLOCKS  
UNBREAKABLE DOLLS  
TOY PIANOS  
TOY MAGIC LANTERNS  
TOY TRAINS  
FOOT BALLS  
IRISH MAILS  
PURSES  
XMAS LABELS  
TIE HOLDERS  
MARBLES, ETC.  
PARLOR LAMPS  
XMAS SOUVENIRS  
INFANT SETS  
CIGARETTE SETS  
BLACK-BOARDS  
TOOL CHESTS  
TOURIST SETS

PICTURES, UNFRAMED  
GUITARS  
QUEENSWARE  
JAPANESE WARE  
PURSES, ALL KINDS  
PHOTO ALBUMS  
JADRINERES  
CHILD'S PAINT SETS  
POCKET KNIVES  
DOLLS, ALL SIZES  
DOLL TRUNKS  
HOBBY HORSES  
MIRRORS  
COLLAR BOXES  
BIBLES, ALL BINDINGS  
VASES  
XMAS TAGS AND SEALS  
HATPIN HOLDERS  
MECHANICAL TOYS  
WASTE PAPER BASKETS  
MERSAUM PIPES  
CIGARS, XMAS BOXES

GIFT BOOKS  
WALKING CANES  
FERN BOWLS  
SMOKING SETS  
STATUARY  
DOLL GO-CARTS  
CHILDRENS BOOKS  
CALL BELLS  
CUFF BOXES  
MANICURE SETS  
FOUNTAIN PENS  
TREE DECORATIONS  
MILITARY SETS  
WINE SETS  
SCISSOR SETS  
AUTOMATIC CAP PISTOLS  
SEWING BAGS  
TOY TRAINS  
NUT SETS  
DOLL CLOTHES  
DRINKING CUPS  
DRESSER SETS

WE HAVE THE NEWEST AND CHOICEST IN PLEASING VARIETY, which insures an easy selection of Appropriate Gifts for old or young. We feel confident that the most critical examination will convince you that they are not equalled elsewhere in merit or in price.

## FETHE'S BOOK STORE

News Snapshots  
Of the Week

The war continued with unabated vigor, and news from the various battle fronts indicated that the slaughter had been even greater than was generally believed. As a rule, the armies had time to accord military honors and burial to officers, but privates were buried in trenches where they fell. In a desperate sea battle near the Falkland Islands three German cruisers that had been preying on English commerce were destroyed. The commander, Admiral von Spee, went down with his vessel.

Admiral Sturdee was in command of the English fleet. Kaiser Wilhelm was reported suffering from pneumonia. W. W. Rockhill, diplomat, died in Honolulu. The United States troops under command of General Bliss on the Mexican border were increased. Walter Johnson signed a contract to play with the Chicago Federal League club.

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Hickman, Ky., Dec. 7, 1914.

Council met in regular session.

Present Mayor, Dillon Young; men to B. Powell, C. H. Moore, J. C. Ellison and J. M. Hubbard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and on motion approved and signed.

The following accounts were presented properly approved, and on motion allowed and checks ordered drawn on the treasurer for amounts:

W. H. Higgins work on sidewalk, \$2.00.

Public Service Co. of Western Ky. lights and water, \$342.58.

Heim & Ellison, supplies \$40.

C. A. Murchison, feeding premises, \$88.05.

Hickman Courier printing, \$3.25.

Heim & Heim insurance, \$14.74.

The following report of the city Treasurer for the month of November was received, ordered spread upon the records and filed:

General Fund Account.

Nov. 1, to bal. per Det. \$1,417.13

report.

Nov. 30, by checks paid out during Nov. . . . . \$15.60

Bal. to this account . . . . \$ 1.33

Water & Light Bond Account.

No change in this account since last report.

Balance \$2277.35.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Johnson, City Treasurer.

had issued deed to the following cemetery property, and that he holds Supt. Dillon's receipt for same, town, L. E. Price for west half lot No. 387, size 9x20 feet, consideration \$7.20.

Motion made and carried that the city have the sidewalks running east and west on the south side of Moslow Ave. rebuilt.

Motion made and carried that the city have the sidewalks running north and south from Jackson street to Carroll street repaired.

The Mayor appointed Councilman Moore on a committee to attend to the building of the above mentioned walks.

Motion made and carried that the city rent the lower floors of the City Hall for the year 1915 at \$600, payable quarterly.

There being no further business council adjourned.

Attest: Jno. Pyle, City Clerk.

Tom Dillon, Sr., Mayor.

Mrs. B. Parham informs us that she has twenty turkey eggs on hand—something very unusual at this season. With hen eggs selling around 35 and 40¢ a dozen, Mrs. Parham's turkeys are certainly paying for their feed.

FOR RENT. Furnished rooms.

Phone 180. tfe.

See Culin-Shaw & Co. notice.

Have you rewired?

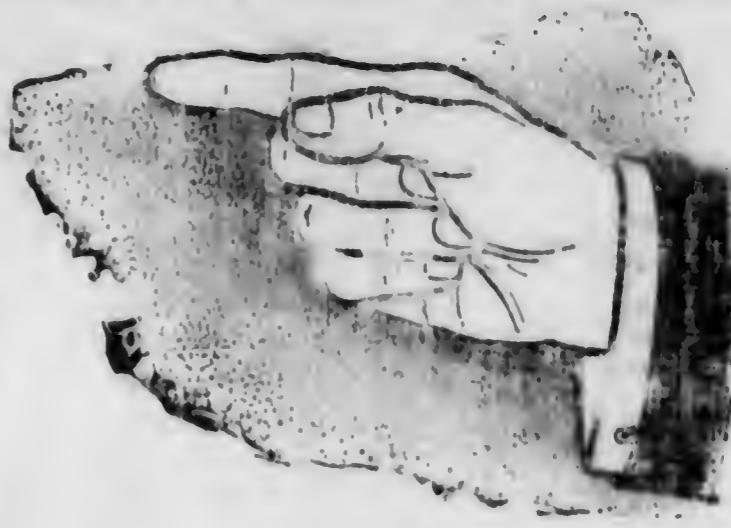
A. E. Kennedy has moved his insurance office to the second story of the new Dodds Building.</

# Last Week of the Great Red Mark Sale



You've lost money if you stayed away—but the loss isn't irreparable that's a consolation. You still have another chance—for this great saving event lasts until Dec. 24, Christmas eve.

As you go through the store look for the Red Marks. There is a big saving for you every time you find one. COME!



## Women's Fashionable Apparel Now Selling at Remarkably Low Prices

To reduce stocks, we have reduced prices. We are now offering some of the finest bargains in woman's Suits, Coats, Skirts and Waists you have ever had the pleasure of buying. Look for the Red Marks.

### Women's Suits

Splendid values in big assortments that were now at

12.50, 15.00, 18.50 to 20.00  
7.75, 8.75, 11.75 to 12.75

Medium and long lengths in best styles were now at

22.50, 25.00, 27.50, 30.00  
14.75, 15.75, 16.75, 18.75

An odd lot of Women's Suits that go no sale Saturday at

**\$5.00**

### Red Mark Sale of Women's Coats

Big range of fashions in long Coats, Wave of the Sea Cloth, Caricule and heavy coatings

were now

6.00, 7.50, 10.00 to 12.50  
4.75, 6.25, 7.75 to 9.75

### Women's Coats

In better grades, full and three-quarter lengths, Hindu Lynx, Smyrna, Lamb, Broad-cloth and fancy mixtures

were now

15.00, 18.50, 20.00 to 27.50  
12.25, 14.75, 15.75 to 21.75

### Misses and Children's Coats

Smart and stylish coats for the younger folks at prices that will appeal to parents. These garments are serviceable as well as stylish.

Were now 10.00 12.50 to 17.50  
7.75 8.75 to 12.75

Were now 3.50 5.00 6.00 to 7.50  
2.75 3.75 4.75 to 5.75

### Children's Coats

worth now 1.50, 2.50, \$3, \$5  
1.25, 1.95, 2.45, 4.25

### Women's Skirts

that sold at now at 3.50, 5.00, 7.00  
2.75, 3.75, 5.25

### High Grade Skirts

that sold at now at 8.00, 10.00, 12.00  
5.75, 8.75, 7.75

### Women's Waists

Waists that were now at 1.25, 1.50, to 2.50  
75c, 1.15, 1.75, to 2.75

### Men Can Profit by this Great Sale

We are offering our entire stocks of men's and boys' clothing at remarkably low prices for this sale. We want to reduce stocks so we have cut prices. Every lot that shows a Red Mark is a great bargain!

Broken lines, worth 10.00, 12.50 to 15.00, now **\$6.75 a n d \$8.75**

### Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits

Odd lots of our regular 18.50, \$20 and \$25 lines now at **\$12.75**

Men's Suits in this fall's styles were now at 10.00, 12.50, 15.00 and 18.00  
8.50, 10.50, 12.75 and 15.25

Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits, this fall's were now at 20.00, 22.50, and 25.00  
16.75, 18.75 and 20.75



### Red Mark Sale of Men's Overcoats

Of broken lines, sold at 10.00 \$6.25 and \$7.75 to 12.50, now at

**Men's Overcoats**  
\$9.75 and \$11.75

### Men's New Overcoats

These Coats were priced at 13.50 15.00 and 18.00, now at

12.50, 15.00, 18.00 to 25.00  
10.75, 13.25, 15.75 to 21.75



### Boys Suits

Made in styles and materials that please both boys and mothers.

were 3.50, 4.00 and 5.00  
now at 2.95, 3.25 and 4.15

Boys' Suits in better grades were 6.50, 7.50, 8.50 to 10.00  
now at 5.45, 6.25, 8.75 to 8.25

### Boys' Overcoats

Sizes 4 to 8 years, Coats that sold at 3.50 5.00 to 6.00  
now at 3.25 4.50 to 5.25

Size 10 to 18 years, Coats that sold at 6.00 8.00 10.00 to 12.50  
now 5.25, 6.50, 8.25 to 10.75

### Men's and Boys' Pants

We have too large a stock of Men's and Boy's Pants and to clear them out, have cut prices very deep.

#### Men's Pants

Were 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 7.00  
now 1.25, 2.15, 2.95, 5.75

#### Boy's Pants

Were 60c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50  
now 60c, 85c, 95c, 1.20

#### Men's Pants

A few odd pairs of broken lots at half off.

### The Year's Biggest Millinery Bargains

No line of goods in our store has been cut deeper than millinery. Our entire stock of dress, tailored and street hats and of children's hats too, has been affected. Come to our store and look for the Red Marks. You will save largely!

#### Dress Hats

That were 7.50 and \$4.75  
8.50, now at

#### Tailored Hats

that were 3.50, 4.00, 5.00  
now at 2.25 to 3.25

#### Misses and Children's Hats

that were 1.50, 2.50 to 4.00  
now at 90c, 1.50 to 2.50

### Red Mark Sale of Blankets and Comforts

Here are values in blankets and comforts which clearly illustrate the wisdom of immediate purchasing. It will pay you to put in a supply of these bed coverings at present prices!

Cotton Blankets for Single Bed 55c

Cotton Blankets 74x80 85c

Cotton Blankets full size, all class qualities, were 1.50 now 1.25

Cotton Blankets excellent value 1.75

Comforts, good size, 95c

Comforts

1.50 1.75, 2.00

1.35 to 1.75

### Red Mark Sale of Dresses

Wool Crepe Roman stripe dress, new Combination, worth 7.75  
now 4.75

Silk Poplin Roman Stripe Combination Tunic Skirt, now 7.75

Wool Brocade Velvet Combination were 15.50 now 8.25

Silk Poplin, Tunic Skirt with Sash were 16.50 now 9.25

Underskirts

Messaline Underskirts, all colors

worth 1.25, 1.50, 2.00

now 85c, 1.10, 1.45

### Red Mark Sale of Floor Coverings

Excellent stock allowing satisfying choice now priced at costs which assures you substantial savings on every purchase.

#### 9x12 Brussels Rugs

worth 14.50, 15.00, 18.00  
now at 10.75, 12.25, 14.75

#### Axminster Rugs

Floral and Oriental patterns 9x12  
worth 20.00, 22.50, 25.00  
now at 16.25, 18.25, 20.75

#### Velvet Rugs

9x12 Seamless Rugs, beautiful patterns

worth 19.00, 22.50, 25.00  
now at 16.25, 18.25, 20.75

**SMITH & AMBERG**  
Hickman, Kentucky



# HOGS, CATTLE AND CORN

If your Hogs are well, no Cholera about, will buy them and pay you good prices, same to be applied on your note or account.

Will take Cattle in the same way; also, pay you \$3. per barrel for good Corn to be applied as above.

## Hickman Hardware Company

Incorporated

C. T. Boudrant returned Saturday from Greenville, Miss. where he has been looking after his levee work.

Mrs. A. O. Carnthers spent Friday in Union City.

Miss Bertie May Rhee spent Friday in Union City.

Mrs. J. M. Robbins has returned to her home at New Madrid Mo. after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. A. Faris, Jr.

W. E. Lynch, of Winchester, Tenn., is visiting his son, W. E. Lynch, and family.

Go to the Crystal tonight.

### WHO SANTY CLAUS WUZ.

Jes' a little bit o' feller—I remember still  
Us to almost cry for Christmas, like a youngster will  
Fourth o' July notin' to it!—New Year's ain't a smell!  
Easter Sunday—circus day—jes' ll dead in the shell!  
Lazy, though! at night, you know, to set around and hear  
The old folks work the story off about the sledge an' deer  
An' "Santy" skootin' round the roof, all rapt in fur an' fuzz!  
Long afore I knewed who "Santy Claus" wuz!

Us to wait, an' set up late, a week or two ahead  
Couldn't hardly keep awake, ner wouldn't go to bed  
Kittle stewin' on the fire, an' mother setting here  
Darnin' socks, and rockin' in the skeeky rockin' sheer  
Pap gap an' wonder where it wuz the money went,  
An' quar'l with his frosted heels, an' spill his imminent,  
An' me a-dreamin' sleigh-bells when the clock 'ud whir an' buzz  
Long afore I knewed who "Santy Claus" wuz!

Size the fire-place up an' figure how "Ole Santy" could  
Manage to come down the chimny, like they said he would!  
Wish I could hide an' see him—wunderful what he'd say!  
Ef he ketched a feller layin' for him that away!  
But I bet on him, an' liked him, same as ef he had  
Turned to pat me on the back on' say, "Look here, my lad  
Here's my pack—jes' help yourself, like all good boys does!"  
Long afore I knewed who "Santy Claus" wuz!

Wish that yarn was true about him, as it 'peared to be—  
Truth made out o' lies like that uns good enough for me!  
Wish I still wuz so confidin' I could jes' go wild  
Over humping up my stockin's, like the little child  
Climbin' in my lap tonight, mi' beggin' me to tell  
Bout them reindeers, and "Old Santy" that she loves so well  
I'm half sorry for this little-girl sweethearth of his  
Long afore she knewed who "Santy Claus" wuz.

—James Whitecomb Riley

### Everything in Groceries

Come to this store for your needs in Christmas Cooking and Christmas Dinners. We save you money.

### 20 Pounds Granulated Sugar For \$1.00

Other items in proportion.

FRESH Raisins, Citron, Currants, Icing Sugar, Florida Oranges, Apples, Bananas, Cocoanuts, White Grapes, Etc.

Don't Fail to Come Here For  
Toys, Dolls,  
Games, Wagons,  
Fancy Chinaware,  
Candies, Fruits, Nuts. &c.  
At Very Lowest Prices!

NOTE: Buy your goods now and let us lay them away.  
We will deliver them for you on Christmas Eve.

### Ellison Bargain Store

Next door to Bowling Alley

### FULTON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J. T. Counts, of Graves county, and Mrs. Leon Paschall, of this county, Nov. 28.

Hubert Ogden and Mrs. Dornudd, both of this county, Nov. 30.

J. C. Davis and Mrs. Daisy Krauss, this city, Dec. 1.

Ben Williams and Miss Mattie Cartwright, Dec. 5. The bride is a daughter of W. J. Cartwright, a substantial farmer of this city.

Brinan Mayfield and Nannie Edwards, married at the County House Saturday by County Judge Stahr.

Mrs. C. C. Smith accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Alice Amberg, left Saturday for Nashville to visit her son, Frank Smith.

C. T. Boudrant and wife left Sunday for St. Louis to spend a few days.

### COUNTY COURT.

The regular Dec. term of Fulton County Court was held Monday. A number of back tax suits were filed and judgments handed down in a few, while some three or four were dismissed.

Some settlements were filed and ordered recorded, probably more than at any one time in a number of years.

Arthur Gray was appointed guardian of Jessie Bolton.

Chas. Stahr was appointed guardian for Marshall G. Parks, Violet C. Parks and Gee D. Parks.

Dan Newton, who had the misfortune of losing a leg at his home at Illinois, Mo., last July, has returned home and bought the grocery store of Hughes Bros., in East Hickman—J. C. Newton's old stand.

Go to the Crystal tonight.

## BOARD AND ROOMS

Including Hot and Cold Bath, Telephone, Electric Lights and all Conveniences. Nice Rooms Centrally Located and Best of Table Service.

**\$22.00 A MONTH**

For Full Particulars Call at

## FROST'S CAFE

Miss Mildred Ramage spent Saturday in Union City. Robt. Daugherty is improving after an illness of typhoid fever.

Subscribe for the Courier.

See Culin-Schw & Co. notice.

## THOUSANDS BENEFITED.

Colds, grippe and malaria banished, Chills and fever cured in three days. Feel good.

### SWAMP CHILL AND FEVER TONIC

is an agreeable tonic. Contains no quinine or arsenic. Can be taken by the most delicate stomach.

Builds up the system and kills disease. Guaranteed to cure or your money back. Does its work thoroughly and effectively, has no bad after effects.

Price 50c a bottle

MORRIS MORTON DRUG CO.

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FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.





## Don't Fail to See Our Holiday Furniture

The Very HIGHEST QUALITY at the Very LOWEST PRICE

NEVER before have we—or any other house in Western Kentucky—shown such a superb, high-class, dependable stock of furniture. We want to emphasize QUALITY; it's the key-note of our business policy; it's our one hobby. "Cheap John" stuff has no place in our stock—but low prices have. We are showing hundreds of articles suitable for gifts—sensible, useful, acceptable. This is THE year you want your dollars to do double duty, and there is no better way than to make your holiday purchases from us. Among other suitable articles, we suggest:

BIG ROCKERS  
LITTLE ROCKERS  
BABY ROCKERS  
DINING TABLES  
BUFFETS

CHINA CLOSETS  
BRASS BEDS  
WOOD BEDS  
DAVENETTES  
CHIFFONIERS

FELT MATTRESSES  
COTTON MATTRESSES  
COMB. MATTRESSES  
IRON FOLDING BEDS.  
PUSH CARTS

PRINCESS DRESSERS  
BRASS PEDESTALS  
BRASS JARDINERES  
BRASS SMOKING SETS  
BRASS UMBRELLA VASES

PARLOR TABLES  
CENTER TABLES  
PEDESTALS  
KITCHEN CABINETS  
HOOSIER CABINETS

KITCHEN SAFES  
BEDROOM SUITS  
BABY BEDS  
DAVENPORTS  
CHIFOROBES

SMALL RUGS  
SEWING MACHINES  
BED SPRINGS  
DRESSING TABLES  
ODD DRESSERS

HICKMAN, KY.

**BARRETT & LEDFORD**

HICKMAN, KY.

### METHODS IN MADNESS

Yard of cotton 40¢  
A heavy ham  
A box of apples 25¢  
A jar of jam  
A box of oranges  
A box of nuts  
Buy yourself an suit of clothes  
by some overcoats  
Buy yourself a ton of toy  
Buy a load of bricks  
Buy a pair of rubber boots  
Buy a flock of chicks  
Buy yourself some chewing gum  
Buy it by the box  
Buy yourself an auto  
Buy a dozen sex.  
Buy a year's subscription  
Buy it in advance  
Buy your friend, ye editor  
Buy a pair o' pants.

### Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless  
Grove's Tonic is equally valuable as a  
General Tonic because it contains the  
well-known tonic properties of QUININE  
and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives  
out Malaria, Purifies the Blood and  
Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

FOR RENT: Furnished rooms  
1800 ft.  
Second floor, new. Read  
about it in the ad.

### LEAGUE WILL PROTEST ADVANCE IN RATES.

The N. & St. L. Ry. has re-  
lased to alter their proposed ad-  
vance in coal rates into Hickman,  
which is to become effective Jan.  
1, 1915. It's a jump from \$1.30  
to 1.50.

The Business League, at its  
Friday night session, discussed  
the matter and decided to file a  
formal protest with the Inter-  
state Commerce Commission at  
once. Compared with Memphis,  
Union City and other points, it  
was shown the rate is unfair,  
unwarranted and discriminatory.  
It is also understood that the  
Mengel Box Co. will take the mat-  
ter before the Commission.

When a man gets home and  
takes off a tight shoe and enures  
a burning corn, he gets some  
idea of how good it makes a  
fat woman feel to get a straight  
trout off and rub the welts.

Hickman Lodge No. 761, F. &  
A. M., will elect officers on the  
evening of Saturday, Dec. 26th.  
Refreshments will be served at a  
call meeting on Monday the  
28th.

You get the most for your  
money when you trade with Bar-  
rett & Ledford.

### Farmers and Merchants Bank

HICKMAN, KENTUCKY

DIRECTORS

R. M. ISLERIC  
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We combine absolute safety with satisfactory service, and  
offer our depositors the most liberal treatment consistent  
with sound banking.

### INTEREST PAID ON TIME DEPOSITS

J. J. C. BOS DURANT, President  
H. O. HAMAGE, Asst. Cashier  
J. A. THOMPSON, Cashier

**Satisfied.**  
He was a poor man but a contented  
one. Santa Claus came to him and  
said:

"What do you want, my friend?"  
"Nothing," he replied, with becoming  
modesty, which he hoped would  
be rewarded.

And Santa Claus was so pleased  
that he gave it to him and passed on.



**Papa's Suggestion.**  
Miss Fosdick (who is self-willed)—  
I wish I knew what to give dear  
Charles for a Christmas gift.  
Fosdick, pere (who hates "dear  
Charles")—Give him a wide berth.

Al, al! The hoop-skirt has  
returned and is now the very  
latest fad in New York. The  
skirt is five and one half yards  
wide around the bottom and the  
petticoat is boned around the  
bottom to make the skirt stand  
out. Come on you wind. We  
dare you to blow.

Have you seen the new art  
brass goods at Barrett & Led-  
ford's?

Herman Edmiston and Miss  
Clara Davis, of this city, were  
united in marriage last Sunday  
evening at the parsonage by Rev.  
H. A. Butts. The groom is a son  
of W. A. Edmiston, this city, and  
is connected with N. A. Varden  
& Son as wholesalemen and  
distributors. The home of the  
bride was in Cuyahoga, where they  
met. The young people are well  
known and esteemed by numbers  
of friends and congratulations  
are extended.—Union City Com-  
munity.

Extra dividends—pages  
4 and 5 tell you all  
about the extra money  
returns; look for our  
name.

**SMITH & AMBERG**

Subscribe for the Courier.

## THE SWEETEST GIFT:

### NYLO Chocolates

THESE are the best chocolates we have ever handled. They  
are so luscious and wholesome—everyone likes them best.  
Nylo Chocolates are better than any candies you ever  
ate. They literally melt in the mouth. Yes—they are best  
for the Children.

The assortment is ideal—plenty of nuts, fruits and  
snowy white cream centers. These high-grade chocolates  
are absolutely pure and always fresh.

Next time—buy Nylo Chocolates, you'll be surprised with  
their delicious taste. Treat yourself to a box. They cost from  
sixty cents to one dollar and a half the pound. Get your box today.



## CHRISTMAS BARGAINS



Christmas is almost here and I offer a much larger  
and better stock than ever before, up-to-date, new:

**DIAMONDS  
JEWELRY  
WATCHES  
FRENCH IVORY  
CUT GLASS**

Nice line Toilet Sets and the best Mesh Bags on the  
market. Large stock La Valliers—in fact everything  
in the regular Jewelry line.

All goods engraved FREE. Buy early before stock is  
picked over.

**J. R. BROOKS**  
NEW JEWELRY STORE

E. K. Bradley, of Woodland  
Mills, and Miss Fleming, of  
State Lane, were married Sun-  
day evening at the home of Esq.  
A. M. Shaw by the Kentucky  
magistrate. Mr. Bradley is a  
woodworker and blacksmith at  
Woodland Mills and the young  
bride and groom are both es-  
teemed in their respective  
localities. Congratulations are ex-  
tended.—Union City Commercial.

WANTED: Some least or mul-  
tiple posts, 8 feet long, 6" to 8  
inches in diameter.—S. L. Dodds.

MARRIAGES in Union county  
week: Clarence Voss and Irene  
Mender, Tom Young and Lalli  
Collins, Jas. L. Simrell and Emma  
Mather, Herman Edmiston and  
Clara Davis, A. B. Hale and An-  
nie Irene Isbell, T. E. Caldwell  
and Ruth Snow, Jas. B. Moss  
and Mrs. Pearl Vincent, William  
T. Felts and Carrie Louise Bur-  
rus.

STRAYED: 2 year old heifer,  
dehorned, crop and split in left  
ear, underslope in right.—H. H.  
Shaw.

tf.

HELM & ELLISON  
The Nylo Store.  
Both Phones.

Don't Forget The  
Great Big Christmas Sale

On Ladies' Coats and Suits at

Sude Naifeh's Store

50% Reduction  
On Ladies Coats

Our Line of Christmas Goods are on Display,  
Come in Now and Select Your Christmas  
Gifts, The Most Complete Stock We Ever had.

**SUDE M. NAIFEH**

On The Corner.

The Dry Goods Man

A PRACTICAL BEAUTY HINT.

For giving the face a good color, get one pot of rouge and one rabbit's foot. Bury them 2 miles from home, and walk out and back once a day to see that they are still there.

Here's a sermon in two sentences. Exercise—moderate, regular exercise—is the very best of tonics. A regular daily walk of from two to four miles will do more to induce a perfect circulation than any course of medicine that could be devised.

If, when walking, you will take moderately long strides, with the body erect, breathing through the nose, inhaling slowly until the lungs are filled, then slowly exhaling, you will find yourself, at first, inhaling with every second step, exhaling with every fourth; but, after a while inhaling with every third or fourth step and exhaling with the sixth or eighth.

If you are a woman, you can have a fine natural complexion, if a man you can be strong and virile—just by walking regularly.

Turn to pages 4 and 5 before you read another item: the information there is worth dollars to you.

**SMITH & AMBERG**

**LISTEN, DAUGHTER.**

Listen, daughter. Your mother tells me that the honey boy who has been festooning the landscape hereabouts for the past month has retreated to a position previously selected. In other words he has gone and got another baby. Well, don't cry. There's no reason and besides it washes off the powder. Honey boy spent about four bits a week on you. Here's a dollar a week to take its place. Every time he called he cleaned out the refrigerator. Your mother will see that your brothers do this in the future. He kept you up late nights. Your baby sister is teething and she has kept me up late nights. But I will resign in your favor so it won't seem strange for you to go to bed early. He took possession of the most comfortable rocker in the living room. When you look at the rocker in the future it won't bring a pang to see it empty, for it will be full of little old George B. father.

Your mother and I stayed by you through teething, colic, measles, croup and whooping cough and we're going to see you through this if we have to take turns at spanking you. Take your eyes off the moon, daughter and look at the dust around you.

Children take BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP willingly because it tastes nice. There is not a better remedy anywhere for children's coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Hickman Drug Co. (Advt.)

Subscribe for the Courier.

YOUR FAMILY DOCTOR.

The Hickman doctor is a good fellow. His living depends on our getting sick, yet he cheerfully tells us how to keep well. We call him up at 3 a. m., tell him the baby has the colic, and if he doesn't do a tango for our place immediately, we hold it against him all our lives. After he has worked with the little fellow the rest of the night and a part of the day and has gone home and pursued the even tenor of his way for a couple of months and then he happens to mention to us that we owe him a couple or three dollars, we go up in the air and ask him how in the Dickens she expects us to pay him before fall—some fall—we swap him a rusty calf or make him "take it out in trade." He spends his whole life trying to find what is the matter with us and trying to cure us, and we know more in a minute than he would in a thousand years, and we tell him so—at least we tell the neighbors so. If a patient gets well, we attribute it to his vigorous constitution; if he fails to recover we put a dent in the doctor's reputation. All of which the doctor seems to consider only a part of his business, and serenely goes about trying to keep out of the churchyard and himself out of the poorhouse.

"It is all right, boys," he assured us. "I have promised. We might as well close now till after the New Year's holiday. While I am going for the treat I want you all to get your books ready so I can lock the school house. I hope to be back with your treat within an hour."

"Then he started in a brisk walk toward a little country town about three miles away.

"It was a few minutes after two o'clock when a bobsled, drawn by a big, iron-gray horse, gay with sleigh-bells, glided up before the schoolhouse door. Mr. Teacher, looking as pleasant as any of us, jumped out and said:

"Here you are! I am going to leave you to yourselves to enjoy your treat," he explained, as he hastily fastened the window shutters and shut up the stove.

He then locked the door and put the key in his pocket. By that time the boys had unloaded the boxes, and Mr. G.—at once resumed his seat on the sled.

"Merry Christmas to all!" he shouted.

"The same to you!" we chorused.

"We immediately assailed the boxes. The lid came off the box marked oranges first, and one was grabbed and the tissue wrapping removed. Then there was a wild yell—'Potatoes! Nothing but old potatoes!'

"We glanced sheepishly at the big girls who were holding their breath. In a tremor of dread we took the top off the box labeled candy. Oh, utterly shattered hopes! The box was full of nice white candies!"

The ample shoulders and girth of the colonel's friend shook freely.

"Um," he said. "He was some teacher."

"You bet," agreed the colonel. "If we boys had had money enough I think we'd have come pretty near to buying him a gold watch."—Detroit Free Press.

**A MEMORABLE TREAT**



THE colonel sat comfortably in his chair and gazed dreamily through a hazy cloud of hayman at the Christmas crowd.

"Ha-ha," colonel. "At last I've found you looking sad!"

And a friend who had come up from behind and slapped him affectionately on the shoulder pulled a big chair alongside and sat down. The colonel leaned farther back in the enveloping leather and a volley of expanding rings poured from beneath the carefully trimmed white mustache.

"That," he said, with a wave of his hand toward the throngs, "set me to thinking of how in my country schooldays we big, bad boys sometimes locked the teacher out to make him give us a Christmas treat. At the precise moment you soaked me on the shoulder I was thinking of the time we locked out our teacher. We notified him a week beforehand that we expected him to give us a nice, substantial treat when school let out, as we said, on Christmas eve. He had been a good-natured fellow and had succeeded in keeping on good terms with us scamps in spite of us, so as we wanted for the reason, to let him off as easily as possible we specified only a box of oranges and a box of candy."

"I'll think about it," he said, laughing, and we supposed it was as good as agreed to.

"So when on the morning of Christmas Eve day Mr. Teacher arrived without anything that possibly could contain a treat, we were hurt doubly hurt to think that a supposed friend would treat us so. We silently waited till the noon hour, and when lunches had been hurriedly gulped, two of us were detailed to get him away from the school house on some pretext or other. They succeeded, but he didn't stay long, as it was a cold day and there was snow. When he found the door locked he rattled the knob and called:

"Open the door, please! It is I, Mr. G—!"

"Sorry," one of the boys replied through the keyhole, "but you'll have to give us a Christmas treat before we let you in."

"Come, boys, come," he said sternly. "It is too cold for joking. Let me in at once!"

"We're not joking; we yelled back. "We want a treat. Go to the store and get a big box of oranges and a big box of candy and have them here for us this afternoon, and we'll open the door. Or, if you'll promise on your word of honor, we'll let you in."

"For answer he pounded on the door and thundered:

"Ho-ho, I order you to open this door! Will you obey me?"

"'Treat' was our ultimatum.

"Followed several minutes of silence and suspense, then he called to us:

"Well, boys, I suppose the besieger instead of the besieged will have to surrender. You may open the door. Or, if you'll trust me, will treat."

"The door was opened slowly, cautiously, for we were doubtful, almost distrustful, but he was smiling.

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"Merry Christmas to all!" he shouted.

"The same to you!" we chorused.

"We immediately assailed the boxes. The lid came off the box marked oranges first, and one was grabbed and the tissue wrapping removed. Then there was a wild yell—'Potatoes! Nothing but old potatoes!'

"We glanced sheepishly at the big girls who were holding their breath. In a tremor of dread we took the top off the box labeled candy. Oh, utterly shattered hopes! The box was full of nice white candies!"

The ample shoulders and girth of the colonel's friend shook freely.

"Um," he said. "He was some teacher."

"You bet," agreed the colonel. "If we boys had had money enough I think we'd have come pretty near to buying him a gold watch."—Detroit Free Press.

**Head Stopped Up? Can't Breathe?**

Try the New External Treatment

Applied in Salve Form Over Throat and Chest Relieves by Inhalation and Absorption.

Vapor treatments are best for all inflammation of the air passages. The vapors carry the medication direct to the inflamed surface without disturbing the stomach as do internal medicines. A cheap and very convenient vapor treatment is a good application of Vick's "Vap-O-Rub" Croup and Pneumonia Salve over the throat and chest, covered with a warm flannel cloth, the heat releases vapors of Thymol, Eucalyptol, Menthol, Camphor, and Pine.

Tar, that are inhaled with every breath, through the air passages to the lungs. These vapors open the air passages, loosen the phlegm, and heal the raw surfaces. If the cold is in the chest, apply hot wet towels to open the pores. Vick's is then absorbed through the skin, taking out that tightness and soreness.

A little Vick's applied up the nostrils and over the temples is very beneficial for head colds and catarrh and will relieve most cases of headache and nose-ache. Vick's is also excellent for Asthma, Hay Fever, and Bronchial Troubles. Three sizes, at all dealers—25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

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Christmas and New Year Holidays

See your Local I. C. Agent for particulars as to rates, date, sale, limits, or write.

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Silver is the first thought when considering gifts for any season or occasion. No more graceful compliment can be extended than an offering of rich silver elegant in design, perfect in taste and in the newest shapes.

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F. W. HARLOW, D. P. A., Louisville, Ky.

MAGAZINES: Give me your orders for magazines. Any publication at lower prices.—Miss Homie Green.

STRAYED: 2 year old heifer, dehorned, crop and split in left ear, undershot in right.—H. G. Green.

Ever try "Crisco?" Takes the place of butter in cake baking and the like.—Bettersworth & Ezell.

Moving Pictures every afternoon and night.—Crystal.

Again wedding bells are reported to ring.

# Add to the Joys of Yuletide!

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## Sensible Gifts--Useful Gifts--Practical Gifts

Our Store is Brimful of Most Sensible Gifts of All--For All



Shoes, Slippers for Father, Mother, Brother and Sister, Hosiery for the whole family, Sweaters, Fashionable Neckwear in fancy Boxes, Combination Sets—Hose and Tie to match, Warm Bath Robes, Night Shirts, Men's and Boys' Dress and Work Gloves, Dress and Wool Shirts, Underwear Boxed Handkerchiefs—easily chosen gifts for men, Fine Silk Umbrellas, Mufflers, Pullman Slippers, Collars, Scarf Pins, Cuff Buttons, Suspenders, Garters.

IF YOU CONSIDER THE HIGHER VALUE OF THE GIFT THAT IS USEFUL, YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO OVERLOOK OUR LINE

## MILLET & ALEXANDER

WHERE THEY FIT YOU RIGHT

### FELL IN SCALDING VAT SUSTAINING PAINFUL BURN

Mr. Patterson, better known as the "Big Man," an employee of the Linged Box Co., slipped and fell into one of the large scalding vats at the factory Monday afternoon and was painfully burned. He went into the water in his arms. Fortunately the water was not as hot as usual as injuries would doubtless have been. Where clothing touched the protected his body, but the burns are not so serious, but his hands were badly scalded. Considering the accident, he is getting along real well.

The vat, into which he fell, is one of a series used for scalding men preparatory to working on veneer. Patterson is said to have trapped himself by stepping on a pike pole. He had only been here about three weeks.

No matter how much burns a man, he always welcomes a bath. The Hole-Proof garment just put up in holiday boxes, Leibovitz.

### COUNTY WARRANTS

Sufficient county funds are in my possession to pay the following county interest bearing warrants. From date of call my interest will be paid on these warrants.

Dated Dec. 15, 1914.

200 757 758 765 766 770 780  
88 789 793 794 795 801 807  
80 812 819 824 830 840 847  
88 841 877 879 882 901 919

Respectfully,  
W. T. REED  
Treas. Fulton Co.

Fash gloves at moderate price at Leibovitz—the Jave Store  
Go to the Crystal tonight

### Fountain Pens Are Fit Presents

For a Friend at a distance, for Father, for Business Man and for Mother to make her writing more pleasant and less irksome, we would suggest a Fountain Pen. An every-day necessity to all who appreciate convenience and dispatch. Such a gift will truly show your esteem and facilitate the flow of friendship. \$2.50 to 6.00 with or without silver or gold mounting.

HELM & ELLISON

Find our advertisement on pages 4 and 5 now; you'll want to get in on this rare opportunity.

SMITH & AMBERG

### WOULD UNITE PARTIES WITH "HARMONY DINNER."

There is being an effort made to interest the various churches, lodges, business league and others in Hickman, to come together in a big love feast or "harmony dinner," with the proposition to hold it on the evening of Dec. 31st. The movement has not developed to an extent where particulars can be given at this time but the object of the dinner is to get the business men of the town together and try to bring about a coalition of the various opposing interests and actions and start the New Year with a united effort for Hickman.

Rev. R. M. Walker in an address before the Business League suggested that all churches should be interested in the movement that there should be more business in the churches and more of church in business. The point is a good one, sensible practical. It is certain that our business men should be brought closer together. If the harmonious dinner will do it, then let's have it. Too much narrowness, jealousy, bitterness, envy and discord exists in our town. Unless we turn over a new leaf, there is no hope for the realization of those things which Hickman could easily accomplish in business, municipal, religious and social circles.

The Young Men's Business League stands ready to do its utmost in this matter, and cordially welcomes every man interested in Hickman to participate, regardless of his affiliations.

The governors of Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Florida and Georgia will meet at Chattanooga Jan. 1 to adopt a co-operative plan for a good roads movement.

The mutualization of the Prudential Insurance Company of America was ordered by vote of its policyholders. The majority was overwhelming, there being only 206 votes against the plan out of 941,000 proxies.

"Human life is cheaper than hogs. You can convict a man for stealing a razorback sow without any evidence, but one jury in 500 will convict for murder where the evidence is undisputable," declared Judge Paul Little in a charge to a grand jury at Fort Smith, Ark.

LOST. On College Hill, watch fob, monogram "RRP" on back. Liberal reward. Return to Ruby Fleming, Hickman. To a charge to a grand jury at Fort Smith, Ark.

Go to the Crystal tonight.

### 'IS E COMIN' TONIGHT?'

*H*IT'S de las' thing I hear when I tun out in the night:  
'Is e comin' ter night, mammy? Comin' ter night?  
En de good Lawd knows, dough I see  
'Not yet.'  
Dey's a-satin' me still what dey gwine  
leav git.  
En I projek an plan, en I skimp on  
squease.  
En I hurries a-pe' all de winders I see,  
Caas de children espec' dat he'll bring  
'em a lot—  
En dey think he's de same dat da White  
Folks got.

*'Is e comin' ter night, mammy? Comin' ter night?'*  
Lawd, I wight in mah soul dat 'e would  
en he might!  
I wight in mah soul dat 'e'd come down  
de flue.  
Luk I usester believe dat 'e sholy would  
do.  
When de chillun on dey jump in  
to hard,  
En I tuck up da quilt 'roun' each po' lit  
hand.  
Den I set down on wiz, en I wiz lak I  
pray.  
Dat 'e find out de place 'fo' hit come  
Christmas Day.



*Why de chillun believes! Dey is sho'  
dat hit so,  
En day countin' on him lak a man dat  
dey know,  
En day talk er de things dat he mutter  
ter bring.  
Twell dey set up in bald en dea holler  
en sing.  
En I tell 'em why sho' good ole Santy 'll  
come.  
Wid a doll en a sled en a railroad en  
drum.  
En dey drift off ter sleep wid a smile on  
dey face—  
En dey ain' no cent I kin spath in de  
place!*

*Hit's de las' thing I hear when I tun out  
in the night:  
'Is e comin' ter night, mammy? Comin'  
ter 'ght?'  
En I laughs wid dem all w'en dey plan  
what dey do.  
Wid de things dat he'll bring—en I say  
hit's all true.  
De white chillun up wizh Ia wukin',  
dey low.  
Dat ole Santy he'll come, en won't miss  
dem nohow.  
'Is e comin' ter night?' Lawd, I wight  
hit 'ud be.  
Dat he's com yuh en fix up dis 'problem  
for me!*



*Except ye become as a  
little child ye shall in no  
wise enter into the joy  
of Christmas time.*

*The Christmas Robin.  
In many parts of England the robin  
is associated with Christmas-tide.  
There is a belief that on Christmas  
eve these birds will sing near a house  
where a person is dying, to cheer him.*

## THE SANTA CLAUS STORY IN EUROPE



*HE'S A GREAT BIG TALL MAN WEARS  
A GREAT TALL HAT, A SHORT COAT  
WITH LONG COAT TAILS, A BLUE  
VEST WITH WHITE STARS ON IT  
AND RED AND WHITE STRIPED  
TROUSERS. HE'S COMING OVER HERE  
IN A GREAT BIG BOAT  
LOADED WITH TOYSAN' DOLLS AN' THINGS TO  
EAT AN' WEAR FOR ALL  
THE CHILDREN*

## The Right Christmas Cards

*You can well afford to remember everyone by sending them a dainty Christmas card, bearing suitable Christmas Greetings. It is quite a pleasure to offer you such high quality cards that are not only handsomely embossed but daintily printed with true sentiments and well-wishes.*

**1c to 25c Each.**

**Helm & Ellison**

pils in the first year of high school, the best grades at Fulton were made by Myrtis Browder and Bessie Lawson, and at Hickman, by Errett Patterson and Mary Everett.

The following schools will be held before the Christmas holidays: Liberty, Edmiston, Walnut Grove, Stubbs, Fair View, Island No. 8, Hamby Pond, and Tyler. Of these schools, Tyler has made the greatest improvement in attendance over last year. The attendance was about double this term. The school has been taught by Prof. Carlton, of Calhoun County, who has given excellent satisfaction. The district regrets that he has already arranged to teach in his home county next year, and hence can not return to Tyler district.

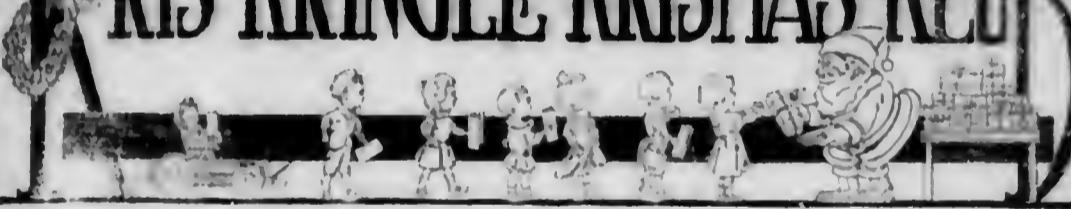
The midwinter term of the State Normal School at Bowling Green will begin January 26th. We are glad that a number of our teachers will enter there at that time. Others wishing appointments for free tuition will please ask for them. If possible, teachers should complete a good high school course before entering the Normal. This school is doing a great work for our state. Many of our best teachers have received training there.

As there are so few families in the Hamby Pond district and the attendance at this school for the last three years has been very much lower than any other district in the county, it does not, at present, seem advisable to continue this school next year. We would be glad to hear from the families in this section as to what adjoining district it would be more convenient for the children to attend school.

The examination grades from our county high school pupils show that among the county pu-

lls will surely like that Xmas gift if he knows it comes from Leibovitz.

## KRIS-KRINGLE-KRISMAS-KLUB



### KRIS KRINGLE KRISTMAS KLUB MEMBERS PLEASE READ

On account of running out of Christmas Puzzles last week we have extended the time for bringing in the puzzles from Dec. 18th to Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. All puzzles must be in by 4:30 o'clock Wednesday

The following children have coupons at the store which they can get any time they call for them:

MARTHA MOORE  
MYRA FARIS

NETTIE SAMUELS  
PRATHER BABCOCK

MARY FRANCES POWELL

Everyone can join and it doesn't cost anything.

We want every child in this town and community to become a member of the

## KRIS KRINGLE KRISTMAS KLUB

## SMITH & AMBERG

Store Open Until 8:30 Every Evening

**A FINE CAREER.**

See pages 4 and 5 for details regarding the money saving in our special clothes values.

SMITH &amp; AMBERG

**TROOPS SENT TO BORDER. WARSHIPS TO CANAL.**

Re-enforcements have been ordered to Naco, Ariz., to assist Gen. Itliss in protecting the American citizens on the border against stray bullets from Mexican rifles. The Mexicans have been told in plain words that this random and reckless firing must stop. Carranza says if we fire across the border it will be "an act of war." Wilson says if Carranza don't stop his men from firing across the border, the fire will be returned. We are now nearer trouble with Mexico than we've been since the present trouble started. A number of our citizens have been killed and wounded by Mexican bullets.

In addition to this, we have an ugly situation at the Panama Canal. Col. Goethals has made urgent call for warships to enforce our neutrality, which, according to reports, is being violated by British and French warships. They are also tampering with our wireless regulations.

Six Pairs of Holeproof guaranteed Socks will make a practical gift. Put up in holiday boxes at \$1.50 to \$3.00.—Leibovitz.

General Manager William D. Cantillon of the Chicago Northwestern Railway died last week at the age of 52 years.

Cantillon was of a generation younger than James J. Hill which perfected the transcontinental lines that Hill and his associates constructed. Cantillon and his sort were as strong as Hill and his sort, though not quite so picturesque. They were empire builders. They brought the west into the up-to-date work of life.

Cantillon was the son of a Judge foreman. Some of his brothers started out to be baseball players. He played one year but insisted that he intended to be a railroad man.

The first job he got was that of railroad brakeman, and in the days of his youth the railroad brakeman who was a good one was an exceedingly valuable employee.

There were no automatic couplers; no air on the freight trains; no block signals and no telephones when Cantillon began "polishing wheels," getting a train over the road then was due as much to the ingenuity of the crew as to the efficiency of the management.

On a suburban train in and out of Chicago many toughs at seasons of the year journeyed back and forth. The superintendent asked Cantillon to take the run as a conductor and establish peace and order.

At that time a man did not sue a railroad if he had a fight with a member of the crew. The ambulance chasers had not taken up this line of exploitation.

Within a week after Cantillon took the job there was peace with order all the time on his train. During that week several young men carried black eyes.

swollen ears and bruised ribs. Later Cantillon became a trainmaster. Steadily he went higher when a man was needed for a position which required physical and mental strength, courage and a level head.

When sickness seized him Cantillon, yet a young man, was the general manager of the best known and most efficient railroad running from Chicago to the Pacific coast.

No "pull" was ever exercised for his promotion. The friends that he had were the friends that he made. It is a fine thing for this country of ours that conditions are such that a young man starting out in life with a good heart, a good mind and a good body, by faithfulness and loyalty can make his way. Another fine thing about this country is that everybody else respects when such a man does forge ahead. Memphis Commercial Appeal.

**TRICKED A FRENCH WIDOW**

*Elegant Stranger, Said to Be a Priest, Got Her Rare Books and Disappeared.*

Paris—A man named Potpon, said to have been a priest at one time, has been arrested on charge of being concerned in matrimonial swindles.

A month ago a wealthy widow met with an automobile accident and an elegantly dressed man, who said he had been an officer, took her to a cafe for refreshment. She fell in love with him and consented to marry him. He introduced her to Potpon as his cousin.

A week later the ex-officer told his fiancee he had been appointed to a high position in Morocco and he asked that the marriage might be celebrated soon. He proposed selling the lady's furniture and sending to Morocco in advance her fine collection of rare books. She accepted and the books were packed up and taken away by the "bridegroom." That is the last that was heard of him for some time, but it was afterward found that he sold the rare books.

The ex-priest was arrested, but he professed his innocence, saying that he himself was the victim of the other man.

We understand there is a family of nine—seven small children—in the outskirts of Hickman in about as destitute circumstances as any Belgian, and local charities can do a good deed by giving them attention. The bread-winner is sick in bed. Food and fuel are the primary needs. The names of these people can be had by calling at this office. Let us again remind you that charity should begin at home—and should not leave the job unfinished to jump to foreign fields. The United Charities are being heavily taxed to relieve want at our own doors and are begging clothes, food, money—anything that will add to the comfort of those in distress. In addition to this, County Judge Stahr has his hands full trying to hold the county's charity work down to a minimum. Never a day passes without a number of appeals being made to him. Something more tangible than sympathy is needed—needed NOW.

History don't say nothing' about when they quit naming girls McHabib and Constance.

Maybe as we go along there'll come a day when some feller'll think up a way to impeach their ward committee-man.

The best thing that ever happened to their songs that came out about thirty years ago is that they came out about thirty years ago.

I never care to argue with that feller that's all so ready to hop up and botch a cigar you don't know what you're talkin' about.

Hulen Lauter, of Union City, died Monday. He was a printer by profession but had been in bad health for some time. He is survived by his wife and two brothers—Charence and Marvin Lauter.

LOST: Last Thursday afternoon, between town and Shelly hill, opal ring with four rubies. Return to this office or Miss Katherine Brock.

GOOD BARGAIN: And exceptional terms in nice residence. See M. B. Shaw, tce.

Tom French and D. B. Wilson left Tuesday for Memphis for a few days.

Coat Sweaters of every description at Leibovitz.

Ask your neighbor about Barrett & Ledford.

Eighteen pages this week.

Go to the Crystal tonight.

Buy Your

**Christmas Goods**

As Usual From

**Ellison Grocery & Hardware Co.****BARGAINS IN EVERYTHING****Dolls, Toys, Fancy Goods**  
**China and Glassware****Candies, Nuts, Apples and Oranges**  
**AND EVERYTHING GOOD FOR XMAS****Victrolas and**  
**Edison Phonographs**  
**AND RECORDS****Ellison Grocery & Hardware Co.**

Incorporated

**SEVERAL FINES ASSESSED IN POLICE COURT.**

The following cases have been disposed of by Judge W. H. Vining in Police Court since last report.

Doloh King and Andy Shan for intoxication, fined \$26.50 each.

E. C. Haynes, Chas. True and Mayville Shroud, gaunting, \$26.50 each.

Earl Hyman and Will Wright, Hubert Williams and Orie Hart, \$16.50 each.

The following were fined \$11 each on charge of breach of peace. Bill Sansom, W. M. Beldar, Chas. Holmes, Ogle, W. C. Arline, Ed. Hammon and R. F. Bradshaw.

Do your Christmas buying Hickman.

Congress will adjourn Tuesday and resume again on the 29th.

Cups in every shade, size and pattern at Leibovitz, the Live Store.

Quit borrowing your neighbor's Courier. Start the New Year right by subscribing for it yourself.

If you really want to give him the thing he will appreciate the most, go to Leibovitz where most people go themselves.

It is said Jim Milner, of Fulton, will be a candidate for Sheriff Clerk. He is now Master Commissioner of Fulton County.

Fine shirts another good suggestion. Let us help you select some Arrow Brand Shirts for him and you'll make no mistake in Leibovitz.

Owing to its late arrival, the report of the 8th grade pupils is missing from the regular "roll of honor." Those entitled to fill the place are Mary H. Ligon, Willie Allen, Anita Dodds, Mary Sue Walker, Claude Owens and Valrie White, standing in the order given.

**2 STORES 2****Xmas is Near**

Don't forget to see my Complete line of Staple and Fancy Groceries.

**Fresh Meats**  
**Fire Works**  
**Candies**  
**Fruits**

Best prices, prompt delivery. Your business solicited.

Tell your wants to NOLAN and get results. Phone 255

**DOLLS! DOLLS!**

Before buying don't fail to see my line of Holiday Goods.

**CANDIES, FRUITS, NUTS and all kinds of Staple and Fancy Groceries.**

JIM is always on hand for quick service. Come and see or

Phone 58

**G. M. ROSS**

**"Watch**  
**Our**  
**Smoke!"**

The Headlight  
Store Has

**CUT PRICES**

To correspond with the "Hard Times."

**CAN YOU BEAT THESE PRICES ANYWHERE?**

15c Lawns.....	7c
15c Ginghams.....	7c
15c Shirting.....	7c
15c Outing Flannel.....	7c
10c Percale.....	4c
25c Ladies Hose.....	15c
10c Ladies Hose.....	8c
50c Ladies Union Suits, fleeced lined.....	30c
10c Ladies Ribbed Vests.....	3c
\$1 Men's Suits Underwear.....	85c
50c Mens' medium weight Under wear.....	35c
5 pairs of Shoe Strings.....	5c
65c Boys Jumpers, 12 to 15 years.....	40c
75c Lanterns, a good one.....	45c
Lunch Baskets, all sizes.....	10c
25c Gloves, leather palm.....	20c
10c Gloves.....	8c
20c Towels.....	10c
50c Men's Shirts.....	35c
\$1 Men's Pants.....	\$1.35
Dinner Baskets.....	5c
75c Zinc Wash Tubs.....	55c
50c Zinc Wash Tubs.....	40c
75c All Wool Toboggan Caps.....	40c
5c Cake Butter Cup Toilet Soap.....	2c
Soup Beans, 17 pounds.....	2c
5c Dutch Clemmer Soup.....	3c
10c Pepper Shaker (filled).....	8c
10c Ice Cream Powder.....	6c
5c Dunham's Cocoanuts.....	3c
10c extract Lemon and Vanilhia.....	8c
5c Bandanna Handkerchief.....	3c
5c Allspice and Mixed Spice.....	3c
35c Washboards.....	23c
10c Quaker Puffed Wheat, box.....	8c
25c Lantern Globes.....	15c
1c Lead Pencils, 7 for.....	5c
30c Louisiana Coffee, 1 lb. can.....	24c
Gramulated Sugar, 20 pounds (with all \$2 purchases).....	\$1.00
5c Golden Fruit Chewing Gum, 2 for.....	5c
5c Fresh Bulk Krant, 2 pounds.....	10c
Nice Fresh Pemons, per lb.....	75c
Cayer "Veri-Best" Flour, to close out, per sack.....	75c

Choice Fruits and Candies, Dates, Figs, Winesap Apples, Nuts, Etc. for Christmas at cut prices.

**J. W. JENNINGS**  
Next door to Hickman Drug Co.

**Notice:**

To our Customers owing us.  
We ask you to call and settle  
your account this week. We  
are not in position to wait  
any longer.

**Curlin, Shaw & Co.**  
Incorporated

**ROUTE FIVE NEWS.**

Will Perry and wife, of Ridgley, moved on the Nautilus and Kaiser farm near Mt. Mammel last week.—Charlie Kirk happened to a very serious accident last Thursday. He was fixing to haul some wood and a young mule kicked him in the face. He was found unconscious and did not know anything for a day or two. Dr. Mr. Glover was called and dressed the wound and he is doing nicely. We hope he will soon be out again.—Olin Wilson and wife, of Union City, were visitors in this vicinity a few days this week.—Hog killing is the order of the day around this place.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gray, of Elbridge, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Pearson Saturday and Sunday.—Robert Hicks and Miss Callie Barnes were the guests of Miss Zula Easterwood, of McAluna, Saturday and Sunday.

The death angel visited the home of Jim Keynecker Thursday and took for its own his beloved wife. She was sick for only a few days with the fever and leaves a husband to mourn her death.—Walter Caldwell, of Ridgley, was the guest of Henry Howard and family a few days last week.—Mr. and Mrs. Herman Howard, of Crystal, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Howard Saturday night.—Rev. Maya filled his regular appointment at Reelfoot Sunday. They called him for another year as pastor and will preach every third Sunday instead of second.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Kirk, of Union City, were called to the bedside of Charlie Kirk last week. Murray Osborn, of Sanders Chapel, was the guest of Milton Osborn Friday and Saturday. Miss Madeline Green was the guest of Miss Vira Howard, of Crystal, Wednesday. Ben Jackson is improving.—Several from here were present at the entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Howard Wednesday night. All reported a nice time. Mr. Bur-

ham was in Union City on business Saturday. L. S. Parks has sold his interest in the Parks plantation to R. W. Parks.—Miss Lovie Hicks was the guest of Miss Lillian True Saturday night. Miss Lillian Powell is the guest of Mrs. Lydia Royer of No. 8 Island, and will spend the holidays there. Ed Powell is visiting in Middle Tennessee. Howell Hicks was in Philippi last week.—Misses Anne Lee Eocene and Eva Osborn gave to their friends a birthday party Saturday evening. Many interesting games were played during the evening and at a late hour refreshments were served consisting of peaches, boiled custard, cake and candles. Many nice presents were received. Those present were Misses Lovie Hicks, Pinkie Eocene, Annie Hamblin, Flora Haynes, Eva Osborn, Clara Hamblin, Hattie Mul Howard, Lillian and Letha True, Eva McNamee, Roosa Kirk, Zelma Jones, Sherman Carpenter, Misses Jno. Thomas True, Frank and Virley Carpenter, Dolphins McCam, Rice Jones, Robert, Eddie and Roy Wilson, Hubert Haynes, Ira McCam, Murray Osborn, Milton Osborn, Clellon and Paul Hamblin, Paul and Jim Eocene, Tex Vaught. All departed at a late hour declaring Misses Eocene and Osborn and ideal hosts.

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**SMITH & AMBERG**



**Candies**

**Fruits**

**Nuts**

We have just received a shipment of the famous

**Mojeska Caramels**  
50c A BOX

A fine line of candies of all sorts at 10c a pound and up

A fine line of domestic and imported Fruits and Nuts suitable for Xmas demand.

SEE US BEFORE BUYING

**EVERYTHING IN GROCERIES**

**PRATHER & MALONE**

## COMPENSATION ACT IS INVALID

KENTUCKY APPELLATE COURT RULES THAT LAW IS UN-CONSTITUTIONAL.

### HOLDS ACT TO BE COMPULSORY

Opinion Lengthy, Covering Sections of Act Which Court Construes as Compulsory.

Frankfort.—The workmen's compensation act, passed by the legislature at the 1914 session, was declared to be invalid by the appellate court, reversing the Franklin circuit court in the case of the State Journal against Atty. Gen. Garnett, Judges Settle, Carroll, and Turner, together with Special Judge J. L. Dorsey, held the act to be unconstitutional, while Judges Johnson, Miller and Special Judge Lassing held it to be constitutional.

The court held the act to be compulsory and therefore in violation of Section 5 of the constitution, which provides that "the general assembly shall have power to limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death or for injuries to persons or property," and also Section 241 of the constitution, which provides that "whenever the death of a person shall result from an injury inflicted by negligence or wrongful act, then and in every such case damages may be recovered for such death from the corporation and persons so causing the death. Until otherwise provided by law the action to recover such damages shall in all cases be prosecuted by the personal representative of the deceased person. The general assembly may provide how the recovery shall go and to whom belong; and until such provision is made the same shall form part of the personal estate of the deceased."

**Not to Remain Idle.**  
It will be opened on December 18 for the services of 450 able-bodied convicts in the Kentucky reformatory. The term of the contract is fixed in the bid is for one year with a renewal of the contract at the terms set out in the one-year contract for an additional year. The board had come to the conclusion, upon the advice of Assistant Atty. Gen. Logan, that the contract would be void until there was a term fixed in it. The commission therefore fixed the minimum term of one year.

Chairman O'Sullivan said the term was made one year so that if the general assembly decides to make a change in the manner of employing prisoners the state will not be tied up with a four-year contract, containing an option for another similar period.

**Mineral Claim Dismissed.**  
Judge Cochran in the United States district court handed down an opinion dismissing for want of jurisdiction the suit of W. H. Horine and Eva Fisher against the Chinn Mineral Co. for the mineral rights to the land in Mercer county in which the mineral company is mining calcite. Horine moved from Louisville to New Albany, Ind., and Eva Fisher from Covington to Cincinnati just before beginning the suit and the court said they are just "sojourners" and not actual residents of the other states. The plaintiffs are heirs of W. H. Horine, of Lexington, who 75 years ago deeded the property, but retained the rights to gold, silver and other minerals. The Chinn company contends that in the old deed minerals referred to precious metals.

**Considered for President.**  
The name of the Rev. Jesse R. Ziegler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of this city, is being considered for the presidency of Central university, according to information reaching Frankfort. In addition to the scholarship and executive ability necessary to fulfilling the requirements for the head of such an institution, it is said, the Ziegler has been recommended to the consideration of the board of trustees by reason of the unique position which his church holds in the Presbyterian field.

**Special Judge Named.**  
Gov. McCreary assigned Circuit Judge Hugh Riddell to preside over the Perry circuit court in the case of Clark Eversole against the Lexington & Eastern, and Judge J. M. Roberts to preside over the Martin circuit in several cases.

**Damages Verdict Affirmed.**  
The court of appeals affirmed a verdict for \$500 damages awarded Lula B. Neumann against the city of Louisville for damages to her property by reason of the condition of the Cabel street dump.

**Give Opinion Soon.**  
The court of appeals will adjourn probably for the holidays, and the court ordered all cases passed this term to be called. The most important case yet remaining to be heard is down in the workmen's compensation act, involving the constitutionality of the act passed by the last general assembly. J. M. Lassing, of Newport, and J. L. Dorsey, of Henderson, were appointed special judges to sit in the case, Judges Nunn and Hanahan not being qualified on account of owning stock in the corporations.

### ROPER DISTRICT ITEMS.

Prince Henry, son of Mrs. Fannie Henry, and Ruth Rankin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rankin, returned home from Bowling Green Saturday where they have been taking the winter treatment.—Mrs. Gail Roach, of Cuyee, spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Len Bryant, —Mrs. Ellert Bensley and children spent several days last week in Cuyee, the guests of her brother, Myrtle Johnson, and family.—Miss Avera London and Russell and

### HICKMAN COUPLE WED AT TIPTONVILLE.

Miss Phoebe Wright, daughter of Mrs. Mina Wright, and Thurman Donnell, son of Rolo Donnell, were married in marriage at Tiptonville, Saturday Esg. Tipton officiating.

Both are popular young people of near this city, and the wedding comes in the nature of a half way surprise.

The bride is one of the prettiest and most winsome lassies in Fulton county, and the groom

### ST. LOUIS STEAMERS OUT OF TRADE.

Agent W. F. McGuire informs us that on account of ice and bad weather, the steamers Rees and Stacker, of the Lee Line, will be taken out of the trade until conditions improve.

The only boats now running for this line is the John Lee from Memphis to Cairo. She leaves Cairo Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

See Curlin-Shaw & Co. notice.



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**CASH STORE**

Mary Thomas were in Hickman Saturday—John Stoll and family have moved from the Lewis Lansford farm to the Israel Clark farm. Mrs. S. N. Sweeney, of Hickman, visited on Sunday Monday. Miss Avera London will leave for her home Wednesday at Franklin, Ky., to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. London.

Miss Avera London, who is teaching at Roper School, has been given a scholarship in the Arts and Sciences department at Columbia University, in New York. The scholarship was secured through an aunt who is a member of its faculty. This is an honor that comes to only a few, so Miss London should feel herself complimented in an educational way.

shows excellent judgment in the selection of a wife. The groom is a promising young farmer and stands high to all who know him.

—Congratulations and best wishes

A citizen of West Hickman says for lack of new glades, street lights are far below requirements. This matter could be adjusted by calling No. 48.

Cox & Gordon's choice hams and breakfast bacon; hams 8 to 10 pounds; bacon, 4 to 6.—Bettsworth & Ezell.

### BOSWORTH FOR GOVERNOR.

It is a settled fact that Henry M. Bosworth will make the race for Governor of Kentucky. He makes formal announcement of his candidacy this week. He is prominent in political circles of the state, and will likely be one of the leading candidates from the start.

N. C. trains have been delayed more or less since Sunday on account of bad weather. The train yesterday morning, due at 7 o'clock, was three hours late.

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If smoking is his pleasure, you will please him greatly when you present him a box of our Cigars. You couldn't give a better present, or one that will show your thoughtfulness or esteem in a better way, for our cigars are of fine aroma, most delicate bouquet and come mild, medium or strong, just as he may prefer them.

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# WEEK'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

HAPPENINGS OF THE SEVEN  
PAST DAYS ARE BRIEFLY  
TOLD HERE.

## FROM AROUND THE PLANET

Dispatches From Our Own and Foreign Countries Are Here Given in Short Manner for Busy Readers.

President Wilson was asked again to endorse a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage and reiterated that the question was one for the states.

The Turkish government, through Ambassador Morgenthau, has signified to the state department its willingness that an expedition be sent to the relief of the people in Jerusalem. The expedition is being organized by Hebrew philanthropic societies in New York.

The house passed the Barnhart printing bill to codify the laws relating to the government printing office and to check waste. It will cause a saving of \$800,000 a year.

According to the Paix de Parisienne, the war is costing France \$6,000,000 daily. Minister of Finance Ribot is quoted as making this estimate.

The Rev. Dr. Mieczyslaw Barnabas, a prince of Poland, who renounced title, position and wealth to become a priest, died suddenly at Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago schools, whose salary is \$10,000 a year, was re-elected by a vote of 16 to 6. A fight had been expected, but the support of Mayor Harrison assured Mrs. Young of her place.

Only three families of full-blood Sac and Fox Indians are left on the reservation north of Hiawatha, Kan. There are only two full-blood Iowas and the intermarriages of the last decade have made the full-bloods almost extinct.

Since Aug. 16, according to an official report, the German military service and life insurance company has paid out 15,000,000 marks (\$3,750,000).

Prince and Princess Kampengatch of Siam, who are making a tour of the world in the interest of education, arrived in New York on board the steamer Minnetonka from London, and will spend several days.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska will introduce in the senate a bill prohibiting the sale of arms and explosives by American firms to the belligerent powers. Foodstuffs and clothing will be exempted by the bill.

Thirty-five deaths and 819 injuries were caused by baseball during 1914, according to records made public by J. R. Vickery, who has made a study of the effect of the national pastime on the life and health of young America.

Juan Isidro Jiminez was proclaimed president of San Domingo by congress and took oath of office. The situation is quiet.

Officials of the department of agriculture believe the foot and mouth disease among cattle will be completely under control by Jan. 1.

The Korean government has suppressed the opium monopoly and put a ban on the smoking of opium. These steps of the government were advocated by American missionaries.

Special appropriation of \$2,500,000 to fight the epidemic of foot and mouth disease was proposed in a bill favorably reported for action to the senate by the agricultural committee.

There are about 85,000 unemployed in Chicago, according to the report of Mrs. Leonard Z. Neder, commissioner of public welfare. Of the total 45,000 are men, 25,000 single women and 16,000 married women.

Those who are unable to obtain the new war tax stamps before Jan. 1 would be relieved of penalties by Senator Pomerene. The treasury department already has announced its intentions to interpret the law liberally.

Estimates presented to congress put the cost of conducting the government during the fiscal year of 1916, which begins on July 1, next, at \$1,000,775,134.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Southern Sewer Pipe company at North Birmingham, Ala. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Troops under Gen. Cesario Castro defeated a detachment of Gen. Zapata's troops at San Martin, in an engagement in which the casualties amounted to 1,200, according to advice received at Laredo, Tex., from sources favorable to Carranza.

Unconfirmed reports were received in Mexico City from Vera Cruz that Gen. Venustiano Carranza had been arrested by his own officers on a charge of having levied the national treasury of \$1,000,000 pesos when he evacuated Mexico City.

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Two more soldiers of the border patrol at Naco, Ariz., were hit by the Mexican stray fire, making a total of 49, 17 of whom were American soldiers, who have suffered from Mexican bullets.

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WILL BE LET JAN. 14.

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**Detail.**

Across the plain purple shadows sweeping, close-ranked like a dark army invading the land, lay on over the rim of moon in the east.

In the ring of hills that ranged like the clippings of a lawn of a blonde winter, the sun and solitude held sway over the town of Detail, that on the approximate middle of the bush waste, to proportions even greater than might be inferred by a color of a chattering stream, a sibling a water tank, a cargo office and a telegraph and office, backed by three great buildings, that is, buildings completely.

Only after nightfall did the men of the Santa Fe train stop. A short while back, as the train had come to a standstill, the engine had stopped, and the last of the passengers had alighted. Detail, the engineer, who was passing after it a smoke of years, had left that day.

Detail, the train passed. He had stopped and started in an instant. Detail gathered that the melt was due to the sudden disappearance of the engine, seemed to have no idea as to how it could have broken yet, involving it completely.

The pause that followed, while it was telegraphed to headquar- and instructions returned to pro- without delay, one of the train- a boyish figure lurking in an den of an empty box car, finally boarding this car from the side, the trainman caught worker unaware and booted him directly into the night.

The figure alighted and took to the losing itself in the darkness, over a cry of pained surprise and at which drew a wrinkle of anguish between the brows of the man.

"I sounded like a woman's voice," he said, then dismissed the suggestion of insanity about.

Shortly after the freight train had on its way, before, indeed, the rear of the rear lights had been among the western hills a single headlight appeared in the east, a swiftly across the plain and stopped at Detail.

The second bird-of-passage proved to be a locomotive passing a single a Pullman.

Hardly had it run past the switch, over, when the brakeman dropped it ran quickly back to the switch, I threw it open.

Immediately the train backed on to the

As the Pullman jolted across the track, the brakeman, interposing him between it and the tender, released the coupling.

The time that the Pullman had to a full stop on the siding, the train was swinging westward, a seared jackrabbit though no such mark and watery characteristics the traitor passed the lips of any of the three men who presently stood on the Pullman's platform, shooing impotent fits in the direction taken by the fugitive engine, when the last of these had run ten yards out of breath and blubbering, the silence tell, punctuated by a cry from each, and concluded by a sound of a voice calling from the rear of the car, a voice of strange accents of tone as it was curiously out of accent.

The three men immediately ran back to the car and presented themselves to the countenance variously apologetic to one who occupied a corner of the room, a man wrapped in a cover rug and a cloud of fury.

When he had drained the dry truth of profanity from his lips, it left a clear and effervescent of evident temper the wrath of determination began to vent itself in the haphazard heads of the trio who had left him.

Here this was in process, the man of boyish appearance, who had been riding religiously aloof and in seclusion in the background of Detail, since that unhappy affair the trainman, stole quietly up to one of the stalled Pullman, fast aboard, and crept down to an unconsciously interrupted conference just as the invalid was shouting off a rude but honest opinion of the intellectual caliber of one of the named Marrophat, who figured as a right-hand man and familiar

to him.

"Nothing could be fairer than that," the two men admitted suspiciously. "But what's the number of this here service—like you call it?"

"Listen to me," Trine bent his head forward and jabbed the air with an emphatic forefinger. "What's the life of a man worth in this neck of the woods?"

"How much you got?"

"I'll pay you ten thousand dollars for the life of the man I will name."

The eyes of the bandit narrowed. "Tell on, my friend, is that what you call my naming me own price?"

"Name it, then," said Trine.

"Give me a thousand on account," said the other, "and paper saying you'll pay me nineteen thousand more in exchange for it and one dead man, properly identified as the one you want signed by you—and your man's as good as dead this minute, providing he's in riding distance of this here car."



Marrophat at Her Elbow. — Her On.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

Fireplay.

With the promise of a thousand dollars advance on his contract, providing he returned with his girl within a stipulated time, Mr. Marrophat made dilited quietly away into the night.

"My daughter and this gentleman, Mr. Marrophat, will accompany you," "Oh, that's the way of it, is it?" "Name?" interjected the secretary, writing busily with the top of his cigarette case for a desk.

"Shade," said the bandit, "James Shade." Again Trine punctured the atmosphere with his index finger. "The man whose life I want is named Alan Law. He is running away with my daughter, Rose, accompanied by a person named Seneeca, disguised as a Pullman porter."

"The three of them having recent escaped from a train wreck up yonder on the trestle?" Hop Jim interposed.

"You've met them?" Judith demanded, whirling round.

"About an hour ago, or maybe an hour and a half," Hop Jim replied, "a good ways down the road. They stopped and sat where they could get up for the night. I kindly directed them on to Mesa, down in the Painted

bills yonder."

"About me, friends," he offered in a lazy semi-humorous drawl. "It pains me considerably to butt in on this happy family gathering, but business is business, same as usual, and I got to ask you all to please put up your hands."

"What do you want?" the invalid demanded.

"Why," drawled the bandit, "nothing in particular—only your cash. Shell out, if you please—gentle all and the lady, too." He ran an appreciative glance down the figure which Judith's disguise revealed rather than concealed. "If you'll pardon my takin' matters," he amended. "Perhaps I wouldn't if the lady's clothes didn't fit her so all-fired quick!"

Keep a civil tongue in your head, my man!" Judith counseled, without any show of fear.

At the same time her father's voice brought her to her senses.

"Judith! Be quiet. Let me deal with this gentleman. I am sure we can come to some arrangement."

"You let your life," agreed the gentleman as the girl mutinously stepped back. "I know what I want, and you all know you got it—so the name of the said arrangement is just 'shell out'."

"One minute," the invalid interposed. "Don't misunderstand me: I guarantee you shall be amply satisfied. I give you my word—the word of Seneeca Trine."

The eyes of the bandit widened. "No? Is that so? Seneeca Trine, the railroad king? Sure's you're born to rule him: I've seen your picture in the papers a dozen times. Well, now, it looks like I'd draw a full house to this pair of deuces, don't it? You ought to be able to pay something handsome."

"I'll pay you far more handsomely than you dream of if you'll do an I-wish," Trine interrupted quickly. "Do me the service I wish—and name your price; whatever it is, you shall have it!"

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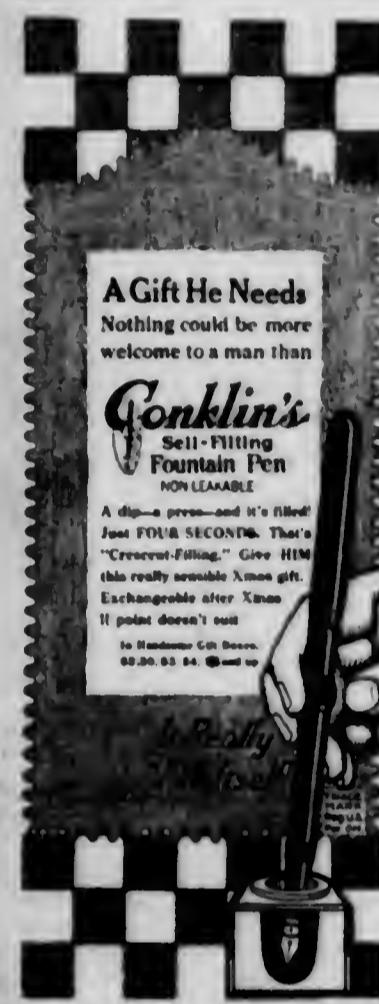
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in that fugitive glimpse. Two sentences exchanged between Hopi Jim and a blear-eyed fellow whom he roused from sudden slumbers behind the bar sealed their confidence with conviction: the three fugitives were in fact guests of the house, occupying two of the three rooms that composed its upper story.

In the rush that followed up the narrow stairway, Judith led with such spirit that not even Marrophat suspected her revolver was poised solely with latent to shoot from his hand his own revolver the instant he leveled it at a human target.

Closed and locked doors confronted them; and their summons educed no response; while the first door, when broken in by a whole-souled kick, discovered nothing more satisfactory than an empty room, its bed bearing the imprint of a woman's body, but that woman gone.

From the one window, looking down the side of the house, Texas announced that the woman had not escaped by jumping out.

So it seemed that the three must have had warning of their arrival, after all; and presumably were now herded together in the adjoining room, which looked out over the veranda roof, waiting in fear and trembling for the assault that must soon come—and in fact immediately did.

But it met with more stubborn resistance than had been anticipated. The door had been barricaded from within—re-enforced by furniture placed against it. Four minutes and the united efforts of four men (including the blear-eyed barker of the barroom) were required to overcome its inert resistance. But even when it was down, the room was found to be an empty as the first.

Only the fingers of two hands gripping the edge of the veranda roof showed the way the fugitives had flown; and these vanished instantly as the room was invaded.

Followed a swift rush of hoofs down the dusty street, and a chorus of blasphemy in the hotel hallway: for Judith had headed the concerted rush for the staircase and contrived to block it for a full half minute by pretending to stumble and twist her ankle.

In spite of that alleged injury, she never limped, and wasn't a yard behind the first who broke from the hotel to the open, nor yet appreciably behind him in vaulting to saddle.

Well up the road a cloud of smoky dust half obscured the shapes of three who rode for their very lives.

The pursuit was off in a twinkling and well bunched—Marrophat's mount leading by a nose. Judith second, Hopi Jim and Texas bat little in the rear. And in the first rush they seemed to gain; moment by moment they drew up on the flying cloud of dust.

Judith heard an oath muttered beside her and saw Marrophat jerking a revolver from its holster. The weapon swept up and to a level; but as the bumper fell, Judith's horse careered heavily against the other, swinging a half a dozen feet aside, and deflecting the bullet hopelessly.

The shock of collision was so great that Marrophat kept his seat with difficulty. He turned toward Judith a face livid with rage.

Simultaneously, as if taking the shot as the signal for a fusillade, Judith and Alan lean back over his horse's rump and open fire.

An instant later his companion, Barcus, imitated his example.

In immediate consequence, Texas dropped rein, slumped forward over the pommel, wabbled weakly in his saddle for a moment, then losing the stirrups, pitched headlong to the ground; while Hopi Jim's horse stopped short, precipitating his rider overhead, and dropped dead.

### CHAPTER XXXVIII.

#### The Upper Trail.

In the ten minutes' delay necessitated by this reverse, a number of more or less innocent bystanders picked up the man Texas and carried him off to breathe his last beneath a roof; Hopi Jim picked himself up, brushed his person tolerably clear of clouds of dust and profanity, and departed in search of a mount to replace the horse that had been shot under him; and Judith sat her horse calmly, smiling sweet innocence into the exasperated countenance of Marrophat.

Incidentally the fugitives disappeared round a bend in the road that led directly into the wild and barren heart of the painted hills.

In the brief interval that elapsed before his return with Hopi Jim, Marrophat contrived to persuade the bandit that Judith had been, at least indirectly, responsible for the catastrophe, with the upshot that, temporarily blinded to her fascinations by the glitter of nineteen thousand dollars in the near distance, Mr. Slade maintained his distance and a deaf ear to her blandishments. The only information as to their purpose that she was able to extract from either man, when the pursuing party turned aside from the main trail, some distance from Mesa, was that Hopi Jim knew a short cut through the range, via what he termed the upper trail, by which they hoped to be able to head the fugitives off before they could gain the desert on the far side of the hills.

Only at long intervals did they draw rein to permit Hopi Jim to make reconnaissance of the lower trail that threaded the valley on the far side of the ridge.

Toward noon he returned in haste from the last of these surveys, scrambling recklessly down the mountain-side and throwing himself upon his horse with the advice:

"We've headed 'em—can make it

now if we ride like all get-out!"

For half an hour more they pushed on at the best speed to be obtained from their weary animals, at length drawing rein at a point where the trail crossed the ridge and widened out upon a long, broad ledge that overhung the valley of the lower trail, with a clear drop to the latter from the brink of a good two hundred feet.

One hasty look back and down into the valley evoked a grunt of satisfaction from Hopi Jim.

"In time," he asseverated, "there they come! Ten minutes more . . ."

His smile answered Marrophat's with unspeakable cruel significance.

"Texas will sleep better tonight when he knows how I've squared the deal for him!" the bandit declared.

"What are you going to do?" Judith demanded, reining her horse in beside Marrophat as the latter dismounted.

A gesture drew her attention to a huge boulder poised insecurely on the very lip of the chasm.

"We're going to tip that over on your friends, Miss Judith!" Marrophat replied, with a snick of relish in his voice.

"Simple—neat—effulgent—eh? What more can you ask?"

She answered only with an irrepressible gesture of horror. Marrophat's laugh followed her as she turned away.

For some moments she strained her vision vainly, endeavoring to penetrate the turbulent currents of super-heated air that filled the valley. Then she made out indistinctly the faintly marked line of the lower trail; and immediately she caught a glimpse of three small figures, mounted, totting painfully toward the point where death awaited them like a bolt from the blue.

Hastily she glanced over shoulder; Hopi Jim and Marrophat, ignoring her, were straining themselves against the boulder without bridging it an inch, for all its apparent neatness of pose. For an instant a wild hope flashed through her mind, but it was immediately exercised when Hopi Jim stepped back and uttered a few words of which only two—"dynamite" and "fuse"—reached her ears.

Kneeling beside the boulder he dug busily for an instant, then dodged the attack to his satisfaction, attached the fuse, and breaking off, edged on his belly to the edge of the cliff and looked down, carefully calculating the length of the fuse by the distance of the party down below from the spot where the rock must fall.

But while he was so engaged and Marrophat aided him, all eager interest, Judith was taking advantage of their disregard of her.

Hurriedly unbuttoning her jacket, she whipped a playing card from her pocket, a trey of hearts, and with the stub of a pencil scribbled three words on its face—"Danger! Go back!"

Then finding a small, flattish bit of rock, she bound the card to it with a bit of string; and with one more backward glance to make sure she was not watched, approached the brink.

Hopi Jim was mettulously shortening the fuse, Marrophat kneeling by his side.

In the canyon below the three were within two minutes of the danger point.

It was no trick at all to drop the stone so that it fell within a dozen feet of the leading horseman.

She saw him rein in suddenly, dismount, cast a look aloft, then dismount and pick up the warning.

As the others joined him, he detached the card and showed it to them.

At the same time Hopi Jim and Marrophat jumped up and ran back, each seizing and holding his horse by nose and bridle.

Constrained to do likewise lest she lose her mount, Judith waited with a tightened heart . . .

The explosion smote dull echoes from the flanks of the Painted hills, all drowning in the noon-day bush; the boulder teetered reluctantly on the brink, then disappeared with a tearing sound followed by a rush of earth and gravel; a wide gap appeared in the brink of the trail.

Leaving Marrophat to hold the two frightened horses while the girl soothed her own, the bandit rushed to the edge, threw himself flat and swore bitterly, with an accent of grievance, as he rose.

From the canyon below a dull noise of galloping hoofs advertised too plainly the failure of their attempt.

And Hopi Jim turned back only to find Judith mounted, reining her horse in between him and Marrophat, and prepared to give emphasis to what she had to say with an automatic pistol that pattered saugly in her palm.

"One moment, Mr. Slade," she suggested evenly. "Just a moment before you break the and news to Mr. Marrophat, I've something to say that needs your attention—likewise, your respect, it is this: I am parting company with you and Mr. Marrophat. I am riding on toward the west, by this trail. If either of you care to follow me"—the automatic flashed ominously in the sun glare—"it will be with full knowledge of the consequences. Mr. Marrophat will enlighten you if you have any doubt of my ability to take care of myself in such affairs as this. If you are well advised, you will turn back and report failure to my father."

She nodded curtly and swung her horse round.

"And what shall I tell your father from you?" Marrophat demanded sharply.

"What you please," the girl replied, flashing an impish smile over-shoulder.

"But, since when I part company with you, I part with him as well—for all of me, you may tell him to go to the devil!"

"Well," Mr. Marrophat admitted confidentially to Mr. Slade. "I'm damned!"

"And that ain't all," Mr. Slade cooed in Mr. Marrophat, whipping out his own revolver. "You're being held up, too. I'll take those guns of yours, friend, and what else you've got about you that's of value, including your horse—and when you get back to old man Trim you can just tell him, with my best compliments, that I've quit the job and lit out after that daughter of his. She's a heap sight more attractive than nineteen thousand dollars, and not half so hard to earn!"

### CHAPTER XXXIV.

#### Burnt Fingers.

Once she had lost touch with her father's creatures, the girl drew rein and went on more slowly and cautiously.

Below her, in the valley, the lower trail wound its facile way. From time to time she could discern upon some naked stretch of its length a cloud of dust, or perhaps three mounted figures, scurrying madly on with fear of death snapping at their heels.

It was within an hour of midnight, a night half-clear and bitter cold on the heights, and bright with moonlight, when Alan's party made its last pause and camped to rest against the dawn, unconscious of the fact that, a quarter of a mile above them, on the upper trail, a lonely woman paused when they paused and made her own camp on the edge of a sharp declivity.

The level shafts of the rising sun awakened her. She sat up, rubbed her eyes, yawned, stretched limbs stiff with the hardship of sleeping on unyielding, sun-baked earth—and of a sudden started up, surprised by the grating of footsteps on the earth behind her.

Before she could turn, however, she was caught and wrapped in the arms of Hopi Jim.

She mustered all her strength and wits and will for one last struggle—and in a frenzied moment managed to break his hold, a trifle, enough to enable her to snatch at the pistol hanging from his belt and present it at his head.

But it exploded harmlessly, spending its bullet on the blue of the morning sky. The bandit caught her wrist in time, thrust it aside and subjected it to such cruel pressure and such savage wrenchings that the pistol dropped from fingers numbed with pain.

And now all hint of mercy left his eyes; remained only the glare of rage.

He put forth all his strength in turn, and Judith was as a child in his hands.

In half a minute he had her helpless,

as a much time more her back was breaking across his knee, while he bound her with loop after loop of his rawhide lariat.

Then, leaving her momentarily upon the ground, Hopi Jim caught and unhobbled her horse, and without troubling to saddle it, lifted the girl to its back, and placed her there, face upward, catching her hands and feet, as they fell on either flank of the animal, with more loops of that unbreakable rawhide, and deftly placing the master knot of the hitch that bound this human pack well beyond possibility of her reach.

She panted a prayer for mercy. He laughed in her face, bent and kissed her brutally and stepped back laughing to admire his handiwork.

Thus he stood for an instant between the horse and the edge of the declivity, a tall mark, stark against the sky, for one who stood in the valley below, holding his rifle with eager fingers, waiting for just such opportunity with which he had waited for it ever since the noise of debris kicked over the edge by the struggling man and woman had drawn his attention to what was going on above.

Alan pressed the trigger and the shot sounded clear in the morning stillness; Judith saw a look of agony and amazement cross the face of Hopi Jim Slade.

Then he threw his hands out, clawed blindly at the air, staggered, reeled against the horse's flank only to find that it shied in fright, and abruptly shot from sight over the edge of the cliff.

### CHAPTER XL.

#### The Man in the Shadow.

Two hundred feet, if one, Hopi Jim fell from the lip of the cliff. Then suddenly the thing that had been Hopi Jim Slade was checked in its headlong descent by the outstanding trunk of a tree, over which it remained, doubled up, limp, horrible . . .

The miniature landslide that had been caused by his fall went on, settling gradually as the slope became less sheer. Only part of it, a double handful of pebbles, gained the bottom of the canyon.

Its muffled impact on the ground

round his feet roused the man who had compassed the bandit's death from the pose he had unconsciously assumed on the instant of firing.

He stepped back and snatched up a case containing binoculars.

Not before the glasses were adjusted to his vision did he find time to respond ably to the alarmed and insistent inquiries of his two companions, a man of his own age and a girl of some years less, who had been wakened from their sleep by the report of the rifle.

Now the latter plucked his sleeve, momentarily deflecting the glasses from the object which they were following so sedulously as it moved along the heights; a wildly running horse with a woman bound helpless upon its back, both sharply in silhouette against the burning blue.

He stepped back and snatched up a case containing binoculars.

you answer me? What is it?" "Judith," Alan replied tersely, again picking up with the glasses the runaway horse that fled so madly along the perilous and narrow track of the hill trail.

The name was echoed from two throats as Alan swung sharply and thrust the glasses into the hands of the girl.

"Judith," he affirmed with a look of poignant solicitude. "She's roped to the back of that crazy broncho—helpless! See for yourself, one false step upon a stone turns beneath the feet and he'll be killed."

While the girl focused her glasses on that speck that flew against the sky Alan turned to the two horses loaded near by and pulling a saddle cloth over the back of one.

At this the other man turned to him and dropping a detaining hand on his arm asked:

"What are you going to do?" Alan struck the hand off and went with the self-appointed task.

So after her, Tom of course, he cried. "What else? That animal is all I tell you."

Even so, Tom Marcus argued, "you a fellow that hillside on horseback—If you could, you'd be too late to pull up, much less prevent an accident."

I know it. But suppose it doesn't. You know what's beyond the hills—deserts! And the girl is yours. I tell you bound hand and foot. Think of her being carried that far, perhaps face up to this fatal spot! Shall go mad if something isn't done!"

You've gone mad yourself already," Marcus contended darkly. "What's in it for her? Suppose you do end in rescuing her—what then? As far as she gets on her own she'll be safe in the hills. I like as

that's she's been obnoxious ever over this land of the brave and the free, but to take your

life? And now you want to sacrifice



Moistened His Parched Lips and Throat.

Dropping the glasses, the girl came swiftly and confidently to her lover's side, lifting her lips to his.

"Go, sweetheart!" she told him. "Save her if you can!"

With a look of triumph for the benefit of Mr. Marcus Alan Law gathered Rose Trine into his arms.

"Did you dream for an instant Rose would see her own sister carried to her death if anything could be done to avert it—no matter what we may have suffered at Judith's hands?"

With an indignant grunt, but considerate none the less, Mr. Marcus caught up the glasses and turned his back.

"Go on!" he grumbled, pretending to ignore the hand Alan offered him from the saddle. "I've got no patience with you. But go!" he insisted, with a sudden seizing the hand and pressing it fervently. "And God go with you, my friend!"

Then hoofbeats drumming on the hard-packed earth of the canyon trail struck a hundred echoes from its rugged, rocky walls.

Mr. Marcus showed Rose Trine a face almost ludicrous with its unguished smile that was intended to seem reassuring.

"Let's look sharp and follow him as quick as we may," he urged. "Lightning will never strike us so long as we stick to Mr. Law of the charmed life—but I don't mind telling you, once out of his company, I'm just naturally afraid of the dark!"

#### CHAPTER XLI.

The Trail of Flying Hoof-Prints.

In the still air of that young day the chill of night lingered stubbornly and would until the shadow of the eastern rampart had crept slowly down the canyon's western wall, telescoped upon itself and vanished, letting in the sun to make the place a pit of torment and of burning.

Refreshed from rest and exhilarated by this grateful coolness, his horse responded willingly to the first light touch of Alan's spur. In a twinkling the overnight camp dropped from view behind the rounded shoulder of a hillside mosquito-clad.

Then from its first spirited flight the horse settled down to steady going, lengthened its stride, and ran for leagues with the long, apparently effortless and tireless lop of the plains-bred broncho, *ventre-a-terre*.

Alan's departure from camp had anticipated by a round-quarter-hour the appearance on the upper trail of friends of the slain bandit, to the number of four or five, who had both discovered and recovered his body, called his death murder and pledged themselves to its avengement—laying responsibility for the putative crime at the door of the man and woman to be seen in the canyon, immediately below the scene of Hop Jim's fall.

Between the moment when discovery of the men on the ridge trail interrupted their simple and hurried breakfast and that which found Rose and Marcus mounted on the back of their own horse and making the best of their way down the canyon in pursuit of Alan, but little time had elapsed.

And even with its double burden, their horse made better time upon the broad lower level than those who followed the ridge trail. By mid-morning, when they approached the foothills that ran down to the desert, the pursuit was more than a mile in the rear and shut off to boot by a monolithic hill, while Alan was many a weary mile in advance.

He sat upon his horse, just then, at standstill upon the summit of a rounded knoll, the Painted hills lifting up behind him, the desert before unfolding like a map—but like a map all blurred.

Only in the near foreground was anything definite to be distinguished in the aspect of that sunbitten waste—bleached earth patterned in almost orderly arrangement by sagebrush and gnarled cacti. At the distance of half a mile all blurred into one vast plain of glaring gray that stretched over the round of the world to a broken wall of purple hills that reeled drunkenly in the haze-swept southwest.

Was Judith out there, somewhere, lost, defenseless, forlorn, impotent to lift a hand to shield her face from the blast of that savage sun?

Staring beneath a shading hand, he discerned nothing that moved upon the surface of the desert but its myriad heat-devils jiggling monotonously their infernal danse macabre.

Or—as seemed more probable—was she back there among the Painted hills, lying still and lifeless, crushed beneath the weight of that fallen horse?

No rest for Alan till he knew . . .

Descending the knoll he reined his lagging mount back into the trail, following its winding course through the foothills and round the base of that monolithic mountain toward the junction with the ridge trail, miles away.

He approached the hour of noon before he gained the point where the two trails joined and struck out across the desert. And here he discovered what he thought indisputable indication that the flight of Judith's horse had persisted.

Abandoning immediately all notion of returning through the hills by the ridge-trail, he turned and swerved away at the best pace he could spur from his broncho, delivering himself into the pitiless embrace of that implacable wilderness of sun and sand.

At long intervals he would check the broncho and, reeling in his saddle, endeavor to sweep the desert with his binoculars.

And toward the middle of the afternoon he fancied that something rewarded one such effort; something



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He threw off her hand with a bitter laugh—that was like the croaking of a raven as it issued from his bone-dry throat—and in momentary possession of hysterical madness, reeled away from the woman and the shelter of the rock and delivered himself anew to the mercy of the dust-storm.

His first appreciated warning came when the surface of the desert seemed to lift and shake like the top of a canvas tent in a gale. At the same time a mighty gust of wind swept athwart the waste, hot as a furnace-blast. In a trice dust enveloped man and horse, a stifling cloud of superheated particles that stung the flesh like a myriad needles. And then darkness fell, the twilight of hades, a copper-colored pall. Nothing remained visible beyond arm's length.

Blinded, half suffocated, un speakably dismayed and bewildered, the broncho swung round, back to the blast, and refused to budge another inch.

Itself more than half-dazed, but still hounded by its nightmare vision of Judith, Alan dismounted to escape being torn bodily from the saddle by that hellish sandblast and seizing the bridle sought to draw the horse on with him.

He wasted his strength in that endeavor: the animal balked, planted its hoofs deep in the sand, stiffened its legs and resisted the stubbornness of a rock; then, of a sudden, jerked his head smartly, snapped the bridle from his grasp and flung away, scudding before the storm.

Pursuit was out of the question: indeed, the bridle was barely torn from his hand before Alan lost sight of the broncho.

For a moment he stood rooted in consternation as in a box—with an arm upthrown across his face.

Then the thought of Judith recurred.

Head bowed and shoulders rounded, he began to forge a way into the teeth of the sandstorm.

How long he fought on, pitting his strength against the elements, cannot be reckoned.

In the end he stumbled blindly down a slight decline and was abruptly conscious that he had in some way sought shelter from the full force of the wind.

He staggered on another yard or two, breathing more freely, and wandered into a roughribbed wall of rock—some sporadic outcrop, he understood, whose bulk stood between him and the storm.

He thought to rest for a time, until the storm had spent its greatest strength; but as he laid his shoulder gratefully against the rock and scrubbed the dust from his aching eyes he saw what he at first conceived to be a hallucination: Judith Trine standing within a yard of him, alive, strong, free.

He stared incredulously, saw her recognize him, open her mouth to utter a wondering cry that was inaudible, and come quickly nearer.

There was a slight cut upon his brow, a bruise about his left temple. She tore linen from her bosom, beneath her coarse flannel shirt, and with sparing aid from the canteen washed

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Then seeing that the storm held with fury unabated, she rose, reconnoitered and returned to exert all her strength and drag the unconscious man across the dry bed of that ancient water-course and under the lee of its farther bank.

There, sitting, she pillow'd his head upon her lap, and bending over him made her body an additional shelter to him from the swirling clouds of dust.

And for hours on end Judith nursed him there, scarce daring to move save to minister to his needs, hathing his fevered brow and moistening his parched lips and throat.

In the course of the first hour she was once startled by the spectral vision through the driving sheets of dust of a horse that plodded up the arroyo, bearing two riders on its back.

Weary with the weight of its double burden, it went slowly and passed so near to Judith that she was able to recognize the features of her sister and Tom Barcus.

Be sure she made never a sign to catch their attention.

Within the next succeeding hour the coppery light lost something of its hot brilliance, took on a darker shade, and then one darker still. Twilight stole athwart the desert, turning its heat to chill, its light to violet.

Growing more intense, the cold eventually roused the sleeping man.

And hardly had his eyes unclosed and looked up into the eyes of Judith bending over him than he started up and out of her embrace, got unsteadily upon his feet and after a moment of pause, watching her rise in turn, strode away—or, rather, staggered—with the gesture of exorcism.

Uncomplaining, hugging her newborn humility to her with the ecstasy of the anchorite his horse-hair shirt, Judith followed him patiently, at a little distance.

Not far from where he had rested there was a break in the overhanging wall of the arroyo. Through this he scrambled painfully, reaching the level of the desert only after cruel effort, the unheeded woman at his heels.

A brief pause there afforded both time to regain their breath and survey the desert for signs of assistance: it offered none, other than what they might accomplish through their own exertions. For leagues in any quarter it stretched without a break other than the black cleft of the arroyo, gleaming a bleached and deathly white in the moonshine—like the face of a frozen world.

With tacit consent both turned that way, Alan leading, Judith his pertinacious shadow, with never a word or sign between them to prove that either was aware of the other's company.

But this was a state of affairs that could not long endure. Judith had the price to pay for her own trials, suffering and privation: the strain began to tell sorely upon her. She reeled slightly as she walked, weaving a winding trail across and across the straighter line of footprints that marked Alan's course through the ordered pattern of the powdered sagebrush.

And of a sudden she collapsed.

Instinct alone made Alan glance over his shoulder: for she had made no sound whatever.

He turned and came directly back to her, knelt beside her, lifted her head, pillow'd it gently on his arm and piled her in turn with the dregs of the canteen.

With a sigh, a stifled moan and a little shiver, she revived.

He helped her gently to regain her feet, passed an arm round her.

In this fashion they struggled on in strange, dumb companionship of misery and wonder.

Thus an hour passed; and for all their desperate struggles neither could see that the light on the mountainside was a yard the nearer.

Behind them other lights appeared, two staring yellow eyes that peered up over the horizon, seemed to pause a time in search of the two, then leaped out directly toward them.

Of this they were altogether ignorant; and when a deep, droning sound disturbed the desert silence, like the purring of some gigantic cat, both ascribed it to the drumming of their

## Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough.

When you first catch a cold (often indicated by sneeze or cough), break it up at once. The idea that "It does not untell" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seemed to reach the very spot of my cough" is one of many honest testimonies. 50c at your druggist. (Adv.)

The Nature of the Creature.

"Your cook"—

"Oh, she is so careless that I don't believe she could drop a remark without breaking her word!" Smart Set.

Be not simply good; be good for something.—Thoreau

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head because of its tonic and laxative effect. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and took for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

laboring pulses.

The two lights were not a mile behind them when, silently, without a sign to warn the girl, Alan released her, took a step apart and dropped as if shot.

Instantly she was kneeling by his side. But in the act of bending over him she drew back and remained for several moments motionless, staring at those twin glaring eyes, sweeping down upon them with all the speed attainable by a six cylinder touring car negotiating a trackless desert.

When Judith did move it was not to comfort Alan. On the contrary, her first act was to draw from her pocket a heavy, blunt-nosed revolver, break it at the breech and blow its barrel clear of dust. Her hand went next to the holster on Alan's hip. From this she extricated his Colt's 45, treating it as she had the other. Then she crouched low above the man she loved, as if thinking perhaps to escape notice from the occupants of the motorcar.

The mountain pass was now, he judged, a mile distant. The light on the hillside according to the chauffeur, was that of a prospector who had camped there temporarily. There was nothing, then, to be feared from that quarter, but solely from the rear—where the horsemen, having picked up Marrophat and his companions, had instituted hot pursuit, and were now strung out in a long, straggling line, three horses carrying double the farthermost—perhaps a mile and a half away—one with a single rider the nearest, well within three-quarters of a mile.

Nobly mounted, this last came on like the wind gaining on the motor car with every stride; for his horse was trained to such going, whereas the car at best could only labor heavily in dust and sand.

"Halt!" she ordered imperatively. "Hands up!"

The three who had alighted obeyed without a moment's hesitation, her father's creatures, they knew the daughter's temper far too well to dream of opposing her will.

In the six hands that were silhouetted against the headlight's radiance, three revolvers glimmered; but at her command all three dropped harmlessly to the earth.

Then, sharply, "Stand back two paces!" she required.

They humored her unanimously.

Darting forward, she picked up and pocketed the three weapons, then with one of her own singled out the men she named.

"Now, Marrophat—and you, Hicks—pick Mr. Law up and carry him into the car. And treat him gently, mind! If one of you lifts a finger to harm him, that one shall answer to me."

Still none ventured to dispute her. The two men designated, without a sign of disinclination, stepped forward. One lifted Alan Law by the shoulders; the other took the legs. Between them they bore him with every care toward the motor car.

But now a second will manifested itself. The man in the rear seat lifted a weirdly sonorous voice:

"Stop!" he cried. "Stop this nonsense! Drop that man! Judith, I command you—"

"Be silent!" the girl cut in sharply. "I command here—if it's necessary to tell you."

There was a pause of astonishment. Then the old man broke out in exasperation that threatened to wax into fury: "Judith! What do you mean by this? Has it indeed come to this that my own daughter defies me to my face?"

"Apparently!" she shot back, with a short laugh. "Judge for yourself!" "Have you forgotten your vow to me?"

"No. But I take it back and cancel it: that is my privilege, I believe. . . . Silence!" she stormed as he strove to gainsay her. "Silence—do you hear?—or it will be the worse for you!"

As well command the sea to still its voice: her father raged like a madman that he was, for the time being divested of his habitual mask of frigid heartlessness.

And seeing that there was no other way of quieting him, the girl turned to the third man.

"Now Jimmy!" she said crisply. "Into that car—and be quick about it—and gag him!"

"If you do," her father foamed, "I'll have your life!"

A flourish of her weapons gained instant obedience.

She stepped up on the running board and shot a quick, searching glance at the face of the chauffeur.

"Straight ahead, my man!" she said. "Make for the nearest pass through those hills yonder, and don't delay unless you are anxious for trouble. Off you go!"

The car began to move. She swept the three men in the desert a mocking bow, jumped into the body of the car and slammed the door.

They made no effort to plead their cause and secure passage even as far as the edge of the desert; doubtless they knew too well the futility of that, she thought, as she settled back in a seat, chuckling with the memory of those three masks of dismay unmitigated.

It was not until five minutes later, when she straightened up from making Alan comfortable that she realized what had made them so content to abide by her will.

Then she heard their voices lifted together in a long, shrill howl that was quickly answered by fainter yells from a distant quarter of the desert, then by pistol popping and flashing some two miles away, then by a growing rumble of galloping hoofs.

The night glasses in the car afforded her flashes of a body of several horsemen—some six or seven, she judged—making at top speed toward the spot where Marrophat, Hicks and Jimmy

waited beside a beacon which they had built and lighted.

Half a dozen sentences exchanged with the chauffeur advised her that these were horsemen from the town of Mesa who had charged themselves with the duty of avenging the death of Hopi Jim Slade.

A sardonic chuckle from within Trine's gag goaded the girl into a sulken fury.

Exacting his utmost speed from the chauffeur, under penalty of her displeasure, she set herself to revive Alan.

With the aid of such stores of food and drink as the car carried, this was quickly enough accomplished.

Strangling with an overdose of brandy too little diluted with water, Alan sat up, grasped the conditions in a flash, and gained further information as he devoured sandwiches and emptied a canteen.

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None the less, it had won to a point within a quarter of a mile from the pass before the horseman got within what he esteemed the proper range, and opened fire.

He fired three. His first shot winged wide, his second by ill-chance rippled through a rear tire of the car, thus placing upon it an additional handicap, while his third sought the tenth as his hands flew up and he dropped from the saddle, drilled through the lansdowne in between the gun and its devoted quarry.

**PARENTS**, this is meant for you. THINK it over, TALK it over and then ACT. The best present Santa Claus can bring your children is a little DEPOSIT in our bank. Be sure that Santa brings a book of this kind to your home. It will teach the children to SAVE and take CARE of their money. It will prove a GOOD INVESTMENT for you in the result on their CHARACTER in later years. Bend the twig NOW for future financial success.

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come to seek shelter for the night in the prospector's shack and roused by the noise of firing and reverberating Alan in the car by the aid of spy-glasses, had with the prospector's aid hit upon this scheme of shooting a lansdowne in between the gun and its devoted quarry.

(Cont. next week.)

**NOTE:** The foregoing chapters will be shown in moving pictures at the Crystal Theatre tomorrow (Friday) night.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of P. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, Ohio, and that he is the sole owner of and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Cancer that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY

Sworn to before me and subscribed to my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1914.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Halla's Catarh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Bend for testimonials, free.

J. CHENEY &amp; CO., Toledo, O.

Made by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pill for constipation.

## Roman Laws Against Suicide.

Roman laws permitted with stoic doctrienes, looked indifferently upon those who took their own life and frowned only when this meant was employed to evade punishment for some capital offence. Retribution, however, followed the suicide, for his goods were confiscated unless some measure were taken to placate the reigning and angered Caesar.

## WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

A Woman Finds All Her Energy and Ambition Slipping Away

Hickman women know how to aches and pains that often come when the kidneys fail and make life a burden. Backache, hip pains, headaches, dizzy spells, distressing nervous trouble, are frequent indications of weak kidneys and should be checked in time.

Doon's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only. They attack kidney diseases by striking at the cause. Here's proof of their merit in a Hickman woman's words:

Mrs. R. Graves Hickman, Ky., says: "I had innumerable and

troublesome aches and pains that

lasted for months.

After taking Doon's Kidney Pills

my troubles disappeared and

I am now as strong as ever.

Doon's Kidney Pills are the

best remedy for kidney trouble.

Take Doon's Kidney Pills and

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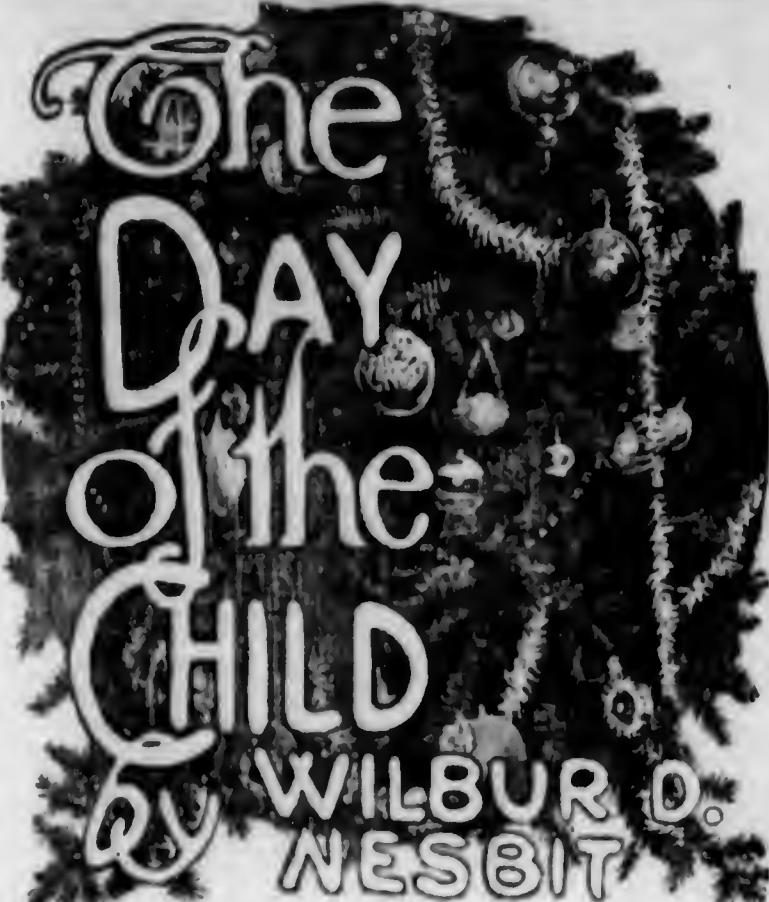
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THE tree shines with the candle glow.  
The trinkets glitter jewel-wise,  
And we would that our souls might know  
The joy told in the children's eyes.  
Such sheer delight as this of theirs—  
A wondrous happiness it is!  
And every word the message bears,  
This is the children's day—and His!

LET us come, as the Wise Men came  
Those nineteen centuries ago,  
Led by the Star's eternal flame  
That bade them rise and hasten on.  
They brought rare frankincense and myrrh,  
They brought rich gems and graven gold,  
They knelt, adoring, near to Her,  
And all their marvelings they told.

AYE, as those Men of long ago,  
Today we, too, may see the Star,  
May see its mystic heavenly glow  
Flash out o'er Childland fair and far;  
And from our hands now fall the gifts  
And we know why the Wise Men smiled  
With gratefulness; and each heart lifts  
Its chant of worship of the Child.



## Practical Gifts

### Should Head Your Xmas Lists

Men are particular and like to receive useful gifts. A Gift of something to wear will be sure to please "Him" because it is practical, and of lasting benefit. My complete stock of winter wearables for Men and Boys offers a splendid chance for you to choose just the gift he would like best, and the wide range of qualities and prices enables you to suit your pocket book as well. When you give something to wear you exhibit good sense, good taste, and good judgement.

#### Why Not A Suit?

A Suit of Clothes for Xmas is sure to please, and no one beyond a doubt could fail to realize that this store leads in styles and values.

#### A Fine Overcoat

Makes an excellent gift. My stock is still large and you will be able to find here just the Overcoat you want, at the price you want to pay.

#### Hundreds of Beautiful Ties

I don't think you can find more handsome neckwear than I am showing anywhere. A Tie is always a solution to many Xmas problems, and it will be worth your while to see my display.

25c to \$1.00

#### Men Like to get Shirts

One or Two Shirts from the new line of Arrow Brands I have just received will make him smile on Xmas morning. A man always likes to have a good supply of Shirts.

50c to \$3.00

#### Hosiery

Is another practical gift and you will be sure of his everlasting gratitude if you give him a box of Guaranteed Holeproof Hose almost impossible to wear out.

\$1.50 to \$3.00 a box.

#### Always A Welcome Gift

Good Handkerchiefs always make a welcome gift. As a modest remembrance, there is no happier suggestion to be offered. You can get them singly, half dozens, or dozens to the box.

#### Sweater Coats and Mackinaws

Are handy articles of wearing apparel and are becoming greater gift favorites each year. A splendid selection of styles.

50c to \$7.50

It will pay you to come and see the many practical Xmas gifts here for you. We shall take genuine pleasure in showing you anything you wish to see.

**Leibovitz**  
MEN'S COMPLETE OUTFITTER

The "Live Store" where quality reigns higher than price.

All members of the Choral Union are requested to be present at practice meeting at the Christian church tonight (Thursday), at 7 o'clock. Special music for rehearsal—H. C. Barrett.

If you are going away for Xmas you'll need a new suit and it will pay you to see some new patterns Leibovitz is showing at \$15.00.

Mrs. John Smotherman, of Ardmore, Ark., is here to spend the holidays with her father, B. Moore and family.

They fit like tailor made and the price is only \$15.00, a saving from \$5.00 to \$7.50 on a suit.—Leibovitz.

Sam Salmon shipped two car loads of hickory spoke timber to an auto factory in Michigan this week.

Dr. W. W. Gourley, of Martin, one of Tennessee's foremost physicians, was in this city Tuesday, the guest of Dr. H. E. Prather and W. A. Dodds. Dr. Gourley was, in the twilight of long ago—but we can't say just how long—a citizen of Hickman; in fact, was born and reared here, and his father practiced medicine in this section before the yellow fever epidemic.

C. M. Miller and daughter, Miss Hazel, of Sturgeon, Mo., will arrive in Hickman today to spend the holidays with his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Sexton.

Why not buy him a ramekin for Xmas? Nothing more appropriate for this season of the year. \$4 to \$14.00 at Leibovitz.

Compare Leibovitz's \$15. blue serge suits with others and you will readily notice the difference.

**LODGE NOTES**

Hickman Chapter No. 49, R. A. M., will meet in stated conve-  
nient next Monday evening.  
Members requested to be present  
and visiting companions extended  
a cordial welcome. Lon Naylor, H. P., W. F. Montgomery,  
Sosey.

Neckwear in every conceivable shade from 25c to \$1.00 at  
Leibovitz.

Sugar Loaf sweet corn only  
15c a can.—Bettersworth &  
Ezell.

#### GERMAN SHIPS SHELL ENGLISH COAST TOWNS.

London, Dec. 16th:

The first gun in the long-expected German attack on English soil was fired today, and for the first time in the history of the United Kingdom hostile ships bombarded English towns. The famous watering place, Scarborough and the nearby towns of Hartlepool, Redcar and Whitby, on the shore of the North Sea, about 200 miles north of London and 340 miles west of Helgoland, the island which guards the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven, were shelled by German warships.

"The fortress commander at West Hartlepool reports that German war vessels engaged that fortress between 8 and 9 o'clock this morning.

"A small German war vessel also opened fire on Scarborough and Whitby."

The press bureau's earlier announcement, issued shortly before 11:30, said: "Our flotillas have at various points been engaged." The situation is developing.

A dispatch from Scarborough, passed by the London censors, says 18 persons were killed at Scarborough. In one house 4 persons were killed outright, and in another house three were killed. The local station of the coast guards was blown to pieces by shells.

Communication service was being celebrated in St. Martin's when two shells struck the building.

The outpouring of civilians from Scarborough as the bombardment got under way gave that port, temporarily, the appearance of some Belgian towns. The streets were crowded with hurrying throngs and clogged with vehicles of all descriptions moving out of the danger zone. The biggest crowd went to the railway station, and the first train away carried a great number of women and children without baggage. As the residents of the east coast of England have been keenly alive to the danger of a raid, many of them put into operation plans formed long in advance for their personal safety.

#### SEN. FROST WILL RUN.

Sen. W. A. Frost, of Wingo, the popular First District Senator, sends the Courier his formal announcement as a candidate for re-election to the Senate. As this matter reaches us just as we are going to press, we regret that we are unable to get it in type for this issue. But same will appear later.

#### NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS.

On account of making repairs to mains on hill, the water service will be cut off on the hill at 8 a. m., Friday morning, Dec. 18th. Service will be resumed late in the afternoon.

#### A SMALL BLAZE.

The fire alarm was turned in at 6 o'clock this morning, coming from the residence of Frank Bartlett. It caught from a defective flue, but very little damage was done.

Henry Cowgill has returned home to spend the holidays. He has been attending school at Lyndon, Ky.

If you eat food or wear clothes—it will pay you to read some of the ads in today's Courier.

Miss Calista Main, of Brownsville, will arrive Tuesday to visit Mrs. W. A. Johnston.

WEATHER: Increasing warmth and cloudiness, Friday and probably rain or snow.

S. L. Dodds left Wednesday for Biloxi, Miss., to visit his wife and children.

Paff Hawkins left this week for Nesho, Mo., to spend the holidays.

J. O. West returned Wednesday from Fulton.

**Engraved  
Calling Cards,  
Wedding  
Invitations, &c.**  
See samples.  
At Courier Office.

## Perfect Perfumes

The daintiness of an odor, as well as its lasting quality is what distinguishes the true, refined perfume from the common garden variety. You will find our perfumes most dainty and exquisite and they are bottled and packed in a way suggestive of the same. As gifts they are not to be excelled. We have the best odors of both domestic and imported perfumes.

50c to \$1.00 per ounce.

Also a full line of Toilet Waters.

**Helm & Ellison**

The Nyal Store.

Both Phones.

### FLETCHER-POLLOCK.

Harvey Fletcher and Miss Mildred Pollock, both residing in the lower bottom, surprised their friends last Friday afternoon when they drove to Philippy, Teme, where they were married. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Pollock and is an accomplished young lady, possessing a host of friends, while the groom is a nephew of G. L. Darnell and is a promising young man. They will make their home in New Madrid, Mo. Congratulations.

### VALUE OF A CHILD'S GIFTS

Those Made With Their Own Hands Teach Good Lessons and Give Inspiration.

If we stop to think about our Christmas giving we realize that a gift means more to the giver than it does to him who receives. If it is given in the proper spirit the donor finds out to the full that it is really "more blessed to give than to receive," a fact that is lost sight of in an age of the commercial spirit.

With children there is a great educational value in their present giving. If it is encouraged to be really their own giving. If the mother, however, simply prepares some little remembrance, and says "Mary, this is your Christmas present to Aunt Ellen," the gift has no meaning in the thoughts of the young giver. And not only has it no meaning, but it becomes actually harmful for the reason it presents the idea to the child that the gift without the giver is really a gift. And the child has put no thought or self sacrifice into the giving of that present.

On the other hand, if the child be given pocket money which it may consider its very own, or, better still, if it is enabled to earn pocket money and is then encouraged to set aside a portion of its very own money for present making the idea of true giving is acquired. The sacrifice, the forethought, the love necessary to make a gift a real gift are there.

The home-made gifts of children have many valuable lessons to teach the young givers. Many lessons in sewing, raffia, bead-work or painting may be given under the guise of making a gift. In one family, where the elder sister had never made gifts, and really never learned to sew well until she was eighteen years of age, the younger sister, a girl of ten, inspired by the example of a small friend, wished to make birthday gifts for her family. Once she asked her mother to teach her how to crochet; another time to scallop, and before she was twelve years old she had become as proficient a little seamstress as one would want to see.

Thus practical lessons are learned, while the child is inspired with the idea that "Not what we give, but what we share; the gift without the giver is bare."

**FRIENDLY ADVICE.**



"Can you suggest something for me to get for my wife for Christmas?" he asked of the shopkeeper.

"You'd better get her a box of cigars, I expect," said the shopkeeper. "She was in here this morning and bought a lace parasol for you."

**MORE SLIPPERS COMING.**

"The time is at hand," said the preacher, "With wrath showing plain on each teacher." "When slippers will be showered down upon me by every remaining creature."

Dolly Varden flour at Bettersworth & Ezell's.

Have you seen the new art brass goods at Barrett & Leford's?

Mackinaw Coats are very popular this season. Leibovitz has them out \$5.00 and \$7.50.

Snowdrift lard in 30c, 40c, and 70c pails at Bettersworth & Ezell's.

## MISTLETOE HISTORY

Gathering of Plant Sacred Rite in Druidical Religious Festivals.

Also Considered a Potent Remedy for Ills, a Balsaf Which Still Exists in Some of the Remote Places of Europe.

**W**e decorate our homes with sprays of mistletoe at Christmas time, but few of us know the history of it as a Yuletide symbol. Pretty girls are kissed under it and a great deal of fun and nonsense is carried on apropos of it, but no one stops to think of how ancient a decoration it is or how sacred it was once thought to be.

Almost everybody has a vague knowledge that the Druids of old had something to do with the gathering of mistletoe, but just what that something was is not clear to the average mind.

The fact is that the ancient Celts in their druidical religion had two great festivals, one in June and the other in December, the latter being equivalent to our Christmas. In both of these great festivals the gathering of the mistletoe was a sacred rite.

Pliny in his "Natural History" describes the ceremony. Speaking of the Druids' worship of the oak, he says: "They believe that whatever grows on these trees is sent from heaven and is a sign that the tree has been chosen by the god himself. The mistletoe is very rarely to be met with, but when it is found they gather it with solemn ceremony. This they do especially on the sixth day of the moon, because by the sixth day the moon has plenty of vigor and has not run half its course.

"After the preparations have been made for a sacrifice and a feast under the tree they hail it as the universal healer and bring to the spot two white bulls whose horns have never been bowed before. A priest clad in a white robe climbs the tree and with a golden sickle cuts the mistletoe, which is caught in a white cloth. Then they sacrifice the victim, praying that God may make his own gift to prosper with those upon whom he has bestowed it.

"They believe that a potion prepared from mistletoe will increase their flocks and that the plant is a remedy against all poison."

It was believed to be a remedy for many ills, and this belief is still to be found in many remote places in Europe. In Holstein, for example, the mistletoe is regarded as a healing remedy for wounds, and in Lacaune, France, it is always administered by the native people as an antidote for poison.

In the northeast of Scotland people used to cut wethers of mistletoe at the March full moon; these they beat in circles and kept for a year to cure hectic fevers and other troubles. In some parts of Germany the mistletoe is especially esteemed as a remedy for the ailments of children, who sometimes wear it hung around the neck as an amulet.

In Sweden on Midsummer eve mistletoe is diligently sought after, the people believing it to be possessed of many mystic qualities, and that if a sprig of it is attached to the ceiling of the dwelling house, the horse's stall or the cow's crib, the trolls will then be powerless to injure either man or beast. Branches of the plant are commonly seen in farm houses hanging from the ceiling to protect the dwellings from all harm, but especially from fire, and persons afflicted with the falling sickness think they can ward off all attacks of the malady by carrying about with them a knife which has a branch of mistletoe.

Like their Swedish neighbors, many German peasants consider the mistletoe a powerful charm against evil spirits. A similar belief seems to have lingered among the Germans, whose religion at a very early date was somewhat similar to that of the Druids. When Aeneas descended into Hades he gathered to protect himself from the internal powers a branch of mistletoe which Vergil calls the golden bough.



The Red Cross Christmas seals are on sale in Hickman, as usual, at a number of stores. The proceeds from this sale go to help fight tuberculosis, and is a most worthy cause. The Courier understands that if we make large sales in Hickman this year as in 1913, a nurse will be sent here free of charge to visit the various homes and help each one inaugurate a systematic campaign against this dreadful disease.

A nurse was sent to Fulton last year, spending two months in the work. Their citizens were so well pleased that they have made arrangements to keep the lady there all the time. Let's boost the sale of seals. They are very appropriate for your Christmas packages.

## Christmas Gifts!



Are you undecided "What to Give?" Let me suggest Footwear nothing would be more appropriate or appreciated, nothing more sensible.

### Ladies Felt Juliets, \$1 and up

Fur and Ribbon Trimmed in various colors and styles

### Mens Juliets 1.25 to 1.50

In different Leathers; comfortable for house wear

### Korrect Shape Shoes

In All Leathers

**\$3.50-\$4.00**



### E. C. RICE

CASH SHOE STORE

Knew His Geography.



### JOINT CHRISTMAS TREE IN WEST HICKMAN.

The Sunday schools of the West Hickman Methodist and Baptist churches will go in together and have a big Christmas tree at the Baptist church on Wednesday night, Dec. 23rd. Santa will do his best to remember every little tot in that section and they are invited to be present.

A year's subscription to the Ladies Home Journal, the Saturday Evening Post or the Country Gentleman would make an ideal gift. Why not one of these? Or, we can supply you with any other magazine published at clubbing rates, guaranteed lowest prices. Drop in and let us figure with you. Helm & Ellison.

Go to the Crystal tonight

## Give Something Useful For Christmas

Electric Lamps, Stoves, Heaters, Toasters, Percolators.

All make useful as well as ornamental presents.

COME TO OUR OFFICE AND LET US SHOW THEM TO YOU

## SPECIAL OFFER ON BERKELEY COOKERS

In order to introduce these wonderful automatic stoves we are going to offer them at \$5 less than actual cost to us. Your opportunity now to secure this cooker for \$25.00.

### SOMETHING FOR THE FAMILY

Public Service Co. of Western Kentucky Incorporated



## An Ideal Christmas Gift

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THE NYAL STORE



"Can you suggest something for me to get for my wife for Christmas?" he asked of the shopkeeper.

"You'd better get her a box of cigars, I expect," said the shopkeeper. "She was in here this morning and bought a lace parasol for you."

**MORE SLIPPERS COMING.**

"The time is at hand," said the preacher, "With wrath showing plain on each teacher." "When slippers will be showered down upon me by every remaining creature."

Dolly Varden flour at Bettersworth & Ezell's.

Have you seen the new art brass goods at Barrett & Leford's?

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